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COMMENT OF THE DAY

No Honour

BRITAIN'S recognition of Iraq may be necessary politically but it is morally indefensible. The Iraq Petroleum Company's future and the continuity of oil supplies are undoubtedly among the chief reasons behind the decision, but whatever justification may be found for the renewal of relationships between Iraq and the Moslem Baghdad Pact powers, other Western countries and even America, Britain's case is different. It has rushed into this business with indecent haste.

Quite apart from the sympathies of the new regime—and it has yet to be proved that it is other than pro-Nasser—Britain has a number of good reasons for not granting immediate recognition. The independent kingdom of Iraq was a British creation. So was the Faisal monarchy. And the Emir Faisal earned his right to the throne by the support he gave Britain in defeating the Turks, then overlords of Arabia, in World War I.

Hussein's Feelings

GRANTED that was 40 years ago. And Emir Faisal is long dead. And Britain never granted him a kingdom in perpetuity. But the Faisal family—and Nuri Said too—have served Britain well, assured oil supplies, remained loyal when expediency and a more militant brand of nationalism might have paid better dividends and brought higher revenues. Only last week the British Government was represented by Mr Selwyn Lloyd, its Foreign Secretary, at a memorial service in London to the murdered King Faisal. But the young King was hardly buried when Britain decided it must recognise the regime that precipitated his death.

How must British troops to save his kingdom—another British creation—from the same fate. But the British decision on Iraq now tells him that if unhelpful republicanism or Nasser gangsterism should sweep away his tenuous domain, his successors will not have to wait long for recognition. It is a policy that not only does not promote stable government, but encourages dissidents to go to the worst extremes to overthrow constitutional authority.

The new regime in Iraq has saved Britain some embarrassment by disavowing Faisal's murder and calling for the trial of his luckless executioner. This may suggest that the revolution went further than was originally planned, but Iraq has yet to explain why Faisal's killer should now be tried when for the last two weeks the regime has made little attempt to conceal its satisfaction with the elimination of the monarchy and its entourage.

Verbal Assurance

BRITAIN may argue that recognition was inevitable and that affairs of state and a fear of developing extremism in Iraq demanded it sooner rather than later. It may argue also that recognition does not imply approval though so far it seems content to rely on a verbal assurance by the new regime that friendly relations will continue. Political necessity may override loyalty to a dead friend in this case, but a week ago Mr Macmillan in a House debate spoke of being honour-bound to accede to King Hussein's request for troops. And he was right, but there is no honour now in rushing in to recognise those who have conspired in the overthrow and destruction of the best friends Britain ever had in the Middle East.

Soviet Moon Rocket Bid Fails

Washington, Aug. 3.

Russia tried but failed three months ago to score a major scientific feat by beating the United States to the moon, Aviation Week Magazine reported today.

The Soviet Union unsuccessfully attempted to hit the moon with a rocket on May 1, the magazine said. The moon shot may have been scheduled for that date as a spectacular climax to Communist May Day celebrations.

The authoritative trade publication said it had no other information on the Russian failure. It would not give the source of the report but it presumably came from intelligence sources.—U.P.I.

Top British Racing Driver In German Grand Prix Tragedy

PETER COLLINS DIES AFTER CRASH

Car Turns Over In 11th Lap

Bonn, Aug. 3.

Peter Collins, one of the big three of Britain's racing drivers, died in hospital here tonight after crashing during the German Grand Prix at Neurburgring this afternoon.

His Ferrari ran off the track in the 11th lap of the formula one race, and turned over two or three times. Collins, who was lying third in the World Championship and second in the formula one race, was rushed to hospital with head and arm injuries.

Mike Hawthorn, who was behind Collins when the accident happened, said later: "He tipped the bank and the whole lot went over the hedge. I saw him flung out. I think he hit a tree."

Hawthorn himself dropped out of the race in the 12th lap when his clutch failed.

Collins' American wife, actress daughter of a top United Nations official, was in the pits during the race and did not see the accident. She went to Bonn to be with her husband after being told of the crash.

Peter Collins was, with Stirling Moss and Mike Hawthorn, a member of the most famous driving team which England had ever produced.

He first began to make a name for himself in race driving circles some 10 years ago when, at the age of 17, he won an international 500 c.c. event over 99 miles at the Silverstone track in England.

Collins made his professional debut with the British firm of Aston Martin, and had soon established his reputation as a driver both at home and abroad.

He later joined the German firm of Mercedes, and earlier this year, he transferred to Ferrari, for whom he was driving today.

A fortnight ago, he won the British Grand Prix at Silverstone, where he had won another important international race last May. Collins had also won the Grand Prix of Belgium and Sicily.

Last year he married, in Miami, the American actress Louise Cordier, daughter of a high official of the United Nations.—Reuter and France-Press.

The Duke's Standard Turns Up

London, Aug. 3.

The Duke of Edinburgh's personal standard, missing for three days from the flagstaff of Arundel Castle, was found today—fluttering from a church tower at Midhurst, Sussex.

A mysterious telephone call to Police ended the search for the banner, believed to have been taken by merry-makers during a castle ball.

The Queen and the Duke had been staying at the castle as guests of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk.

One of the men is believed to have climbed the church tower by a rope just before midnight last night, and tied the Duke's standard to the pole. Then the police were telephoned.—Reuter.

Taxi Runs Into Palace Guards

London, Aug. 3.

A taxi ran into a squad of four Guardsmen of the Welsh Guards going on duty at Buckingham Palace in scarlet tunics and bearskins today, pinning two of them to the Palace wall.

Guardman Alan Munze, 20, had injuries to the head and arms and suspected internal injuries. His friend, Guardsman Frederick Browning, 18, had severe facial injuries and suspected internal injuries.

Another Guardsman was slightly hurt, and four of the taxi passengers were taken to hospital. The taxi driver, 71-year-old Benjamin Davis, was put to bed with shock.

The men were marching along Buckingham Palace Road, and the passengers in the taxi were believed to be going to London's Victoria Station for their way to a Continental holiday.—Reuter.

JUBILANT REACTION TO SUCCESSFUL ATLAS TEST

Now America Has An Operational ICBM

Cape Canaveral, Aug. 3.

An announcement is expected from Washington tomorrow confirming what jubilant missilemen here already know—that the United States at last has an operational intercontinental ballistic missile.

Until an Atlas ICBM made a 2,500-mile flight and dropped its nose cone into the Atlantic yesterday, Russia could threaten the U.S. with the claim that it alone was capable of hitting targets on another continent with hydrogen warheads.

But reliable sources said yesterday's successful Atlas test means that if necessary the big missile could be loaded with fuel and blasted 6,200 miles with a thermo-nuclear warhead in its nose cone.

Major Break-Through

"This was a major break-through," a source said. "We'll prove the reliability of this bird in further tests, but we know it'll do what it is supposed to do."

"In case of an emergency we can start cranking them out like refrigerators and loading them up with fuel," the source said.

Verification that the test was a total success is expected to come tomorrow from the Department of Defense. If a data capsule inside the nose cone was recovered after the cone plunged back through the earth's atmosphere, the Air Force would have complete information on the re-entry of the rocket.

The only official statement on the Atlas test came from the Air Force, which said preliminary tracking reports on the 80-foot rocket indicated the flight was "normal."

According To Plan

But it was learned that the test was successful beyond the fondest hopes of missilemen, who are pleased when a flight accomplishes only a few of the planned objectives.

The source said that not only did the Atlas "sustainer" engine continue to function properly after its two booster engines dropped off, but also that the missile's tactical nose cone separated according to plan at the proper time.

It was the first successful test of the sustainer, designed to power the missile off to its target after the boosters provided the initial lift. The original Atlas, equipped with this third engine, blew up 40 seconds after it was launched on July 19, but the control system was blamed for that failure.

The Atlas is built by Convair Astronautics, which has said the missile is "scheduled to achieve initial operational capability by the end of 1959."

One Year Ahead

A source said after the successful firing that "this puts us exactly one year ahead of schedule in development of the rocket."

The United States has a second ICBM in the Titan, but that weapon is not nearly so far advanced as the Atlas. The second stage of the first Titan was delivered yesterday to the missile's test centre for checking, but it was believed it will not be perfected for sometime.

Both the Atlas and the Titan will be replaced by a solid fuel missile named "Minuteman." But the contractor for that weapon has not been selected and development is expected to take.—U.P.I.

Train Runs Over Boy

Brighton, Aug. 3.

The motorman of a Southern Region electric train put his brakes to emergency stop when he saw a boy on the line near here, today, but just failed to halt the train in time.

As the boy, Nicholas Martin, 10, lay trapped under the train, the motorman, Mr E. Lightman, jumped from his cab and put a short-circuiting bar across the live rail to cut off the current.

The boy was taken to hospital, where his condition tonight was "critical." His right arm was severed by the train and he was severely burned around the head and on his other arm.—Reuter.

Russia's 'Giant' 4th Sputnik

Moscow, Aug. 3.

The fourth Soviet artificial satellite, which is now under construction, will be a "giant cosmic observatory," sources close to the Soviet delegation to the International Geophysical Congress said today.

Aim of the fourth Sputnik will be to discover the secrets of the stars and cosmic space, they said. They refused, however, to give any other details of the satellite, or to indicate the probable launching date.—France-Press.

NOW THEIR FINES ARE PAID

And Three Russians Are Very Grateful

The three White Russians whose fines of \$100 each were paid by a China Mail reader under the nom de plume of "Briton", yesterday declared they were "eternally grateful, and appreciate the gift very much."

The two men and a woman illegally entered Hongkong on July 18, and were arrested by the Police at the Immigration Office a few days later.

Appearing in court the following week, they were each imposed fines by the magistrate of \$100 each.

They had practically no money or personal belongings left, having sold them all to buy food in Shanghai.

"Briton", reading of their plight in the China Mail wrote, "They are not criminals and to me it seems a bit hard for them to be clapped in prison, after risking their lives to get to this outpost of freedom and liberty."

At North Point

He enclosed a cheque for \$300. The cheque was sent to the Social Welfare Office who sent it to the Sheriff of the Supreme Court to pay the fines imposed on the three Russians.

Michael Selizueff, 40, Nicolaevitch Kroppin, 63, and Yulika Uchenko, 38, are now in the North Point Welfare Camp. Yesterday they said, "We are strangers to Hongkong, but still somebody paid our fines, and for this we are truly thankful. Although we have no work, we are still very happy to be in Hongkong."

The three said they were willing to do anything and hope to find jobs while waiting for re-settlement.

Recognition

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 3. The Brazilian Foreign Ministry announced last night that Brazil has recognized the New Iraqi Government which overthrew the monarchy last month.—U.P.I.

AMERICAN OFFICIAL'S VIEW OF NEW IRAQI REGIME

Bagdad, Aug. 3.

President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East, Robert Murphy, left Bagdad today for Beirut after a one-day visit to Iraq.

Before leaving, Mr Murphy stressed the "extremely cordial and friendly" reception he had met in Iraq.

He said: "I will go back to Washington with the impression that Iraq has no intention of falling into the Soviet orbit."

Very Frankly

Mr Murphy, who talked during his visit here with President of the Sovereignty Council, General Najib Rubeil, Premier Brigadier Abdul Karim Kassem, Foreign Minister Abdul Jabbar Jomard, and other leaders, said: "We spoke very frankly about the United States policy in the Middle East, and also the Iraqi leaders explained frankly their intentions."

Mr Murphy said: "I explained clearly the U.S. intervention in Lebanon and referred again to article 51 of the United Nations charter."

He expressed the hope that "our frank contact has eliminated any apprehension of the Iraqi Republic concerning United States intentions."

"My impression is that I convinced the Iraqi leaders that we don't intend to interfere in Iraqi internal problems and have no intention of compelling Iraq to any action or to intimidate it."

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Immigrants To Australia Decide To Return To Russia

Tilbury, Aug. 3.

A family of 10, moving from Australia to Russia, "where we'll be better off," arrived today on the Orient liner Orontes.

The parents, Achmetech and Valentina Dzamlirze, were born in Russia but while teenagers, were deported to Germany as slave labourers. They met and married in a Nazi labour camp.

After the war, they moved to the Middle East and seven years ago went to Australia. Dzamlirze, 34, who worked in a camp for European immigrants in New South Wales, said:

"We are doing back to Russia because we want to. Nobody is making us. We feel we shall be better off in the Soviet Union. The Australian people are very nice but accommodation in the camp was not good."

The eight children—six boys and two girls between 12 and one years old—will be seeing Russia for the first time.—U.P.I.

Khrushchev Back

Moscow, Aug. 3. Premier Nikita Khrushchev and his party flew into Moscow tonight from his visit to Peking.—U.P.I.

CHOLERA'S TOLL: 200

Katmandu, Aug. 3. Some 200 persons have died so far in a cholera epidemic which has raged in Katmandu for the past week.

Aid sent by India, the World Health Organisation and other organisations permitted the authorities to limit the epidemic which is now diminishing.—France-Press.

MARGARET DANCES WITH JOHN AGAIN

Ottawa, Aug. 3. PRINCESS Margaret danced "several times" with John Turner, handsome young Canadian lawyer, at a Government House party here last night, guests at the function said today.

Mr Turner, a 29-year-old Montreal bachelor, also joined the Princess at her table, they said.

Just a week ago Turner spent more than an hour dancing and chatting with the Princess at a ball in Vancouver given by the Governor, Frank Ross, his stepfather.

The Princess, wearing a floor-length white tulle dress with scarlet velvet spots, first danced with Lionel Masey, son and secretary to the Governor-General, Mr Vincent Masey.

The Governor-General, who should have been Margaret's first partner, sat watching from the dinner table, his right arm in a sling to relieve an inflamed shoulder.—Reuter.



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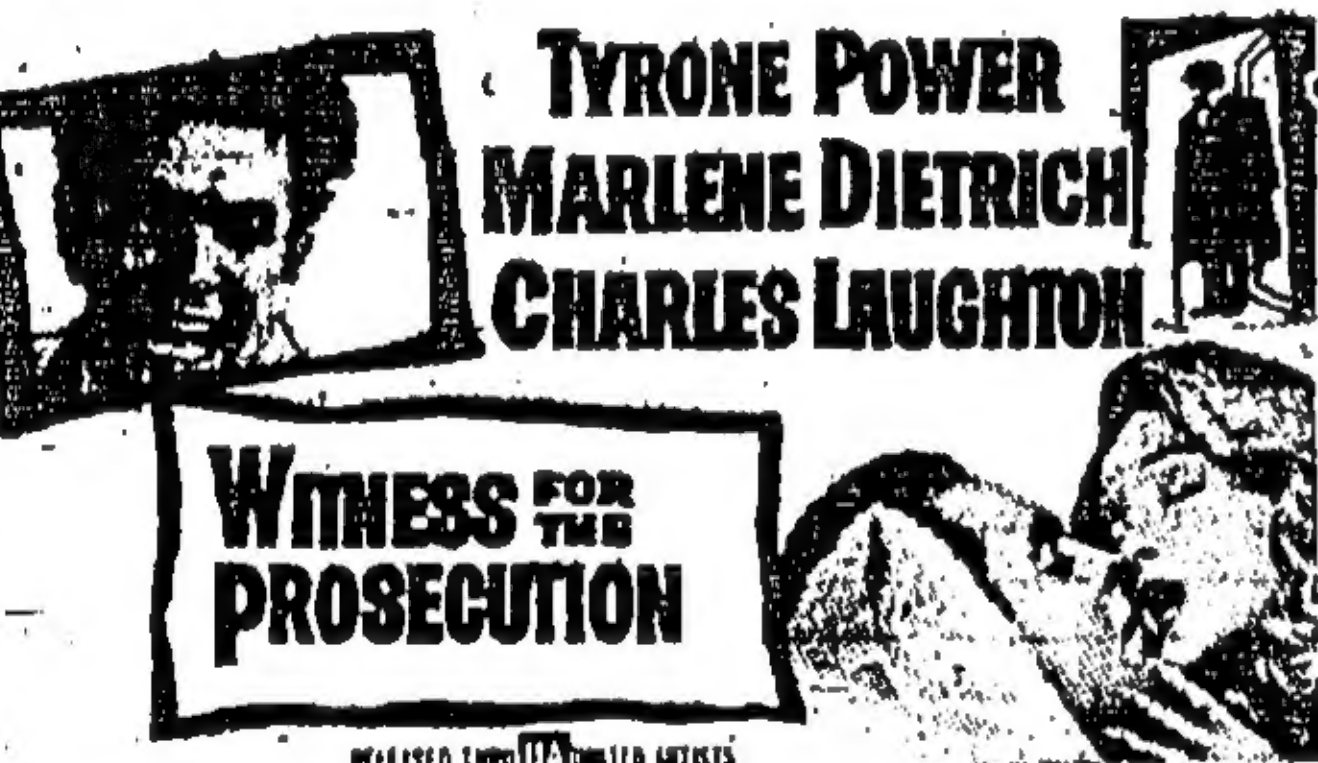
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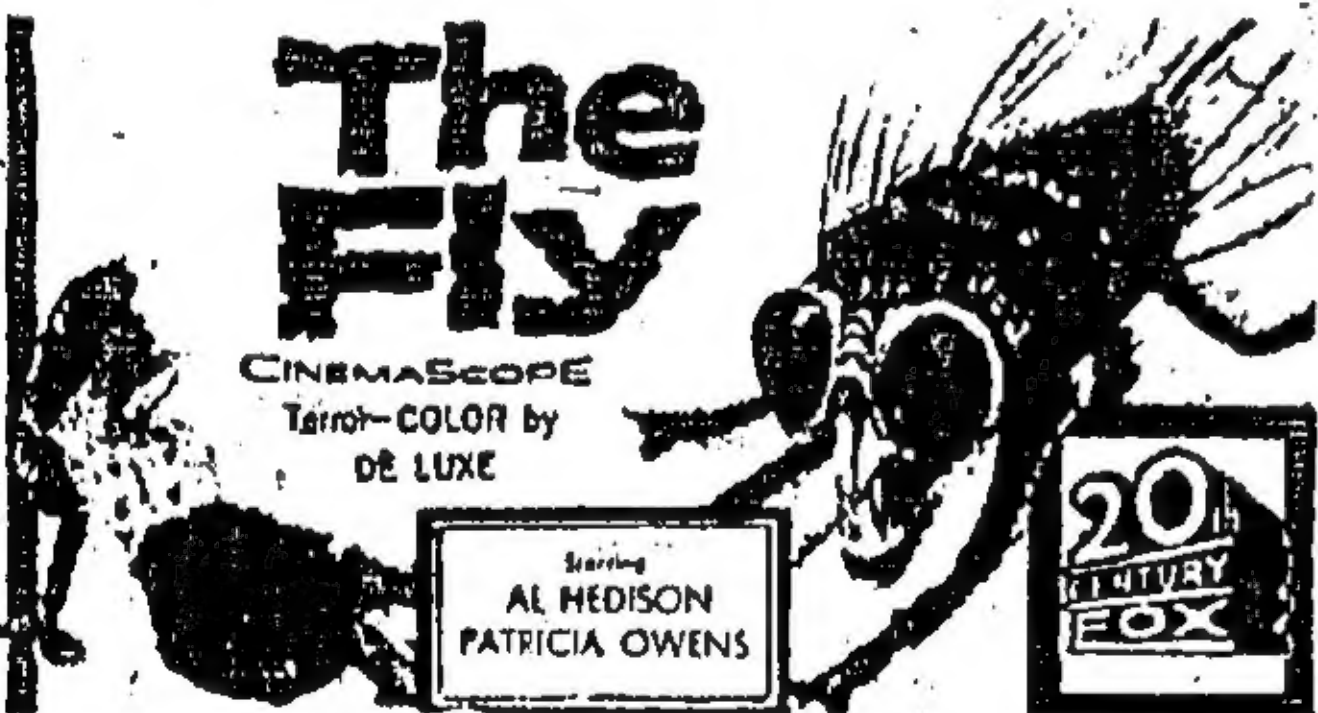


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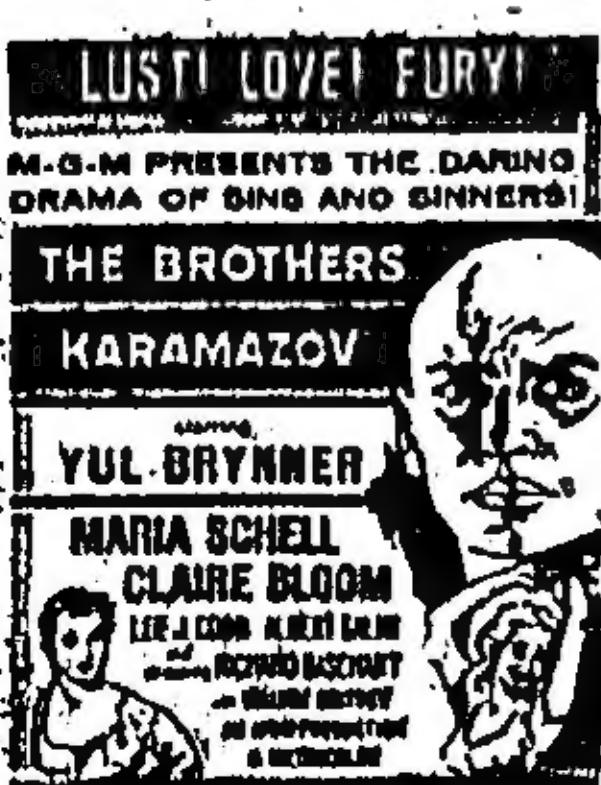
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Nehru Speaks Of The Greater Power

New Delhi, Aug. 3. Mr. Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, said here today he was beginning to doubt whether anybody could control events which might lead to a third world war.

Mr. Nehru, opening the third world assembly of youth, made no direct reference to the Middle East situation but said: "All of us sitting here may be absolutely convinced that a certain step should be taken to avoid war. But in spite of us war may come."

"We cannot control these big events and I am not quite sure whether anybody can."

Mr. Nehru told the 60-nation assembly, celebrating its 10th anniversary: "It almost appears to me that people who apparently control their only appear to do so and that they are pushed about by forces greater than they themselves can control or realise."

Mr. Nehru repeatedly referred to the need for a spirit of tolerance and avoidance of fear and hatred if humanity was to be saved from the disaster of a third world war.—Reuter.

Dulles Flies To Brazil

Washington, Aug. 3. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles left by plane for Brazil today for two days of conferences with President Juscelino Kubitschek aimed at strengthening U.S.-Latin American relations in advance of summit meeting on the Middle East.

In a planiside statement, Dulles referred to Brazil's proposal for an early inter-American high level conference designed to speed the economic development of Latin America and clear up misunderstanding. Dulles disclosed that he received a personal message from President Eisenhower for Kubitschek when he called at the White House for a one-hour conference with the President shortly before his take-off.—U.P.I.

Sixty Days Free Lodging

Honolulu, Aug. 3. Three members of the ketch "Golden Rule" which attempted to sail into the Eniwetok nuclear test zone were released from jail today after serving 60 days for defying a court order banning them from entering the United States Pacific atom-test area.

Two other members of the crew are due to be released later this week.—Reuter.

Ambition To Be A Barrow Boy

Pretoria, Aug. 3. A man who hopes to push a wheelbarrow 5,000 miles from Pretoria to Cairo has left with \$1 in his pocket on the first stage of his journey. He is Johan Van Linge, a 38-year-old South African, who plans to pay his way by doing odd jobs and giving lectures. Van Linge has already hiked 32,000 miles through Africa. Before leaving he described his latest venture as his life's ambition.—China Mail Special.

COTTAGE CRASH

London, Aug. 3. John Cockrell, 16, was asleep in bed when a 10-ton R.A.F. heavy bomber landed in his cottage home in Brook Street, Brentwood Essex. The side of the cottage curved in, and John fell onto the top of the heavy bed, shaken but unhurt. Mr. Thomas Cockrell, 40, his wife Madge and son James, 11, left their home by a back window.—China Mail Special.

People's Militia Tribesmen Will Never Lay Down Their Arms

Moukhtar, Lebanon, Aug. 3. Druze rebel leader Kemal Jumblatt declared today that his mountain tribesmen would not lay down their arms even when the Lebanese rebellion ended.

He said they would keep their arms and form a "people's militia, perhaps under control of the nation's army."

The Paris-educated tribal leader told the United Press International at his mountain castle here that the opposition throughout Lebanon would not only insist on the withdrawal of President Camille Chamoun and U.S. troops but would also demand a government made up of opposition members of Parliament.

The lanky rebel leader insisted he should not be called a politician but made it clear that he might continue to use the threat of force to foster his political beliefs on the central government.

"My people will not ever lay down their arms," he said.

"There has been too much fear among the people because of corrupt government. Now people will retain the means to defend their principles so that fear will no longer exist," Jumblatt said.

Army Training

When the rebellion is ended we will not turn in our arms. We will keep them and form a people's militia to help defend Lebanon's independence.

"We will place the militia at the disposal of the army and perhaps ask the army to help train it. But the militia will remain a people's force," he said.

Jumblatt, feudal chieftain of the Druze by birth, is said to have some 3,000 men under arms in the rugged and sparsely populated hill country south of Beirut. He declined today to give the exact strength of the force but said "we have more men now than a few weeks ago."

Quit Lebanon

The rebel leader was firm about the rebels' determination to rid the country of Chamoun. "He must resign the Presidency immediately and had better leave the country," Jumblatt warned. "If not now then later."

Jumblatt was less bitter about U.S. forces in Lebanon and appeared impressed by State Department trouble shooter Robert Murphy.

"We believe Murphy found out the truth about Chamoun when he arrived and we respected him enough to accept him as a mediator," Jumblatt said.

Last week Jumblatt came down from the hills to meet Murphy in a small village.

Jumblatt said he believed the landing of American troops in Lebanon hurt U.S. prestige. But with a peaceful solution of the Lebanese crisis, and without any serious incidents, he

The Man Who Settles The Settlers

Johannesburg, Aug. 3. South Africa's "immigration king," Mr. John Foggitt, has in the last six months been personally responsible for settling 200 people from Britain in South Africa.

Letters from would-be immigrants seeking his help and advice have come from behind the Iron Curtain and from Britain, America, Canada and Australia.

Mr. Foggitt selects 50 people each month from Britain for immigration to South Africa. They have to put down half their air fare. The rest of the money is lent by his organization. When they arrive free accommodation is provided for them until they have found employment.

"But employment in the artisan field is assured," Mr. Foggitt says. "I have never failed to find a skilled worker a job within a week."

Immigrants and their families have to pass the scrutiny of Mr. Foggitt or his London manager in England before leaving for South Africa.

In August he will leave again for London to supervise a campaign to swell his monthly total to 100.—Reuter.

Cholera In Nepal

Katmandu, Nepal, Aug. 3. A cholera epidemic has taken an estimated 200 lives in this Himalayan kingdom in the past week, officials reported today.

U.S. British and Indian medical missions were working around the clock in an effort to check the epidemic. The United Nations World Health Organisation and other international groups also have rushed aid.

Authorities blamed the epidemic on unfiltered drinking water.—U.P.I.

Shinto Lady Lecturer For American University

Tokyo, Aug. 3. The young daughter of a Shinto priest in Kyoto has been invited to lecture on Japanese classic arts at the University of Pennsylvania. She is Miss Hisako Matsubara, aged 23, daughter of the chief priest of the Kenkun Shrine, Kyoto.

Miss Matsubara, who recently graduated from the International Christian University in Tokyo, is expected to take up her appointment in September.

In an interview she said she would give a series of lectures on Japanese classic arts and at the same time take a post-graduate course in dramatics.—Reuter.

SO NOW IN CAPETOWN IT'S THE "SCALABRINO SCALP"

Cape Town, Aug. 3.

THREE Cape Town

barbers have shaved

off all their hair and are

sporting "Yul Brynner

cuts."

Mr. G. B. Scalabrino, one of

the proprietors of the saloon

said that it started when one of

his partners, Mr. T. H. Potts,

was worrying about his receding

hairline and the rapidly

dwindling number of locks.

He had experimented with a

variety of hair-raising methods

without success, so he decided

on getting rid of the little hair

he had in the hope of raising a

new crop.

Mr. Potts had heard some-

where of a man who had shaved

off all his hair and kept his

head bald for a month, after

which hair sprouted in abun-

dance.

Mr. N. C. Cronje, a third

partner, decided to have a "Yul

Brynner cut" in sympathy with

him.

The two of them cut and

shaved until not a hair was

left. Mr. Scalabrino, when he

saw the result, told them to

cut his hair off too—just for the

fun of it.—Reuter.

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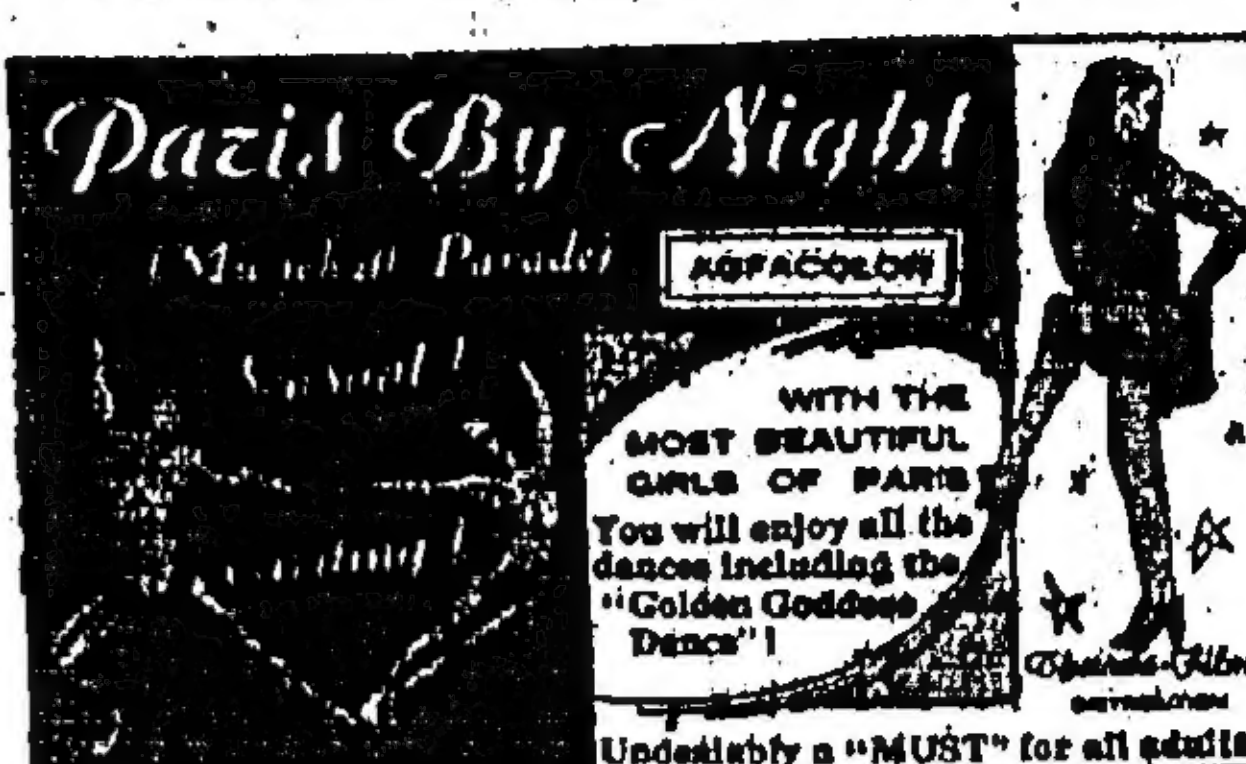


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MAN OF ACTION

By Richard Berry

KING Hussein of Jordan and King Faisal of Iraq, cousins and "next door" neighbours, were both born in 1935 and both were crowned on May 2, 1953.

Both were educated at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst. Both developed a passion for driving fast cars. Both became jazz fans.

And there the similarity ends.

Fiery nature

Hussein has shown himself to be tougher, more mature and more fiery by nature. By his vigilance and swift action he has held his throne, while his unfortunate young cousin has suffered a cruel and undeserved fate.

King Hussein took his first important political action two years ago when he dismissed his family's veteran British adviser, Glubb Pasha, and repudiated the Anglo-Jordan treaty.

Hussein continued to follow the popular nationalist line for a while, but with the skill of a veteran statesman he walked the political tightrope without falling into the hands of extreme nationalists.

Crushed plot

A year ago he smashed the Nasser-inspired coup of a group of officers led by Glubb's successor, Ali Abu Mawar. Only a few weeks ago he crushed a plot to assassinate him and bring his country into the United Arab Republic.

King Hussein is the grandson of King Abdullah of Jordan, who was assassinated in Jerusalem in 1951. He was with his grandfather at the time and it is said that, although a bullet missed him only by a fraction of an inch, he was the only one present who did not throw himself on the floor.

Abdullah was succeeded by his son, the mentally unstable Talal. But he ruled only eight months before he had to abdicate in 1952 in favour of his son, Hussein.

King Hussein spent his early boyhood at an English school in Egypt, before being sent to Harrow. In 1953 he followed the example of his father by taking a "six months' course at

the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst.

He had no special privileges there. The King polished his own boots, cleaned his own room and made his own bed. He went on night assaults across rough country, fired modern weapons, and learned the essentials of military science. His friends at Sandhurst called him "Hus."

So, while ruling a very ancient kingdom, Hussein was brought up in a modern democratic manner. He rode on London buses. He learned to pilot his own plane. He drove in car rallies.

It was in 1950, while in Cairo, that Hussein first met his future wife, the beautiful young Princess Dina Abdul Hammed, daughter of the wealthy Sherif Abdul Hammed of Egypt.

Two years later they met again—in England. The dark-haired, hazel-eyed princess was then at Girton College, Cambridge. She took a B.A. with honours, went on to London University for a sociology course and then qualified as a lecturer at Cairo University.

Separated

She became Queen Dina of Jordan in 1953 and a year later had a daughter, Princess Ailyn. But soon afterwards Hussein and Dina separated, and their daughter has since been brought up in Egypt.

King Hussein has two brothers—Crown Prince Mohammed Ali, 17, and Prince Hassan, 10. Both have attended schools in Britain.

Until two years ago there were rumours that Hussein's 46-year-old mother, Queen Zein, was the real power behind the throne of Jordan.

But the dark-haired and stocky Hussein has made it strikingly obvious that, at the age of only 22, he is a king who can make his own decisions, is a man of action, and has considerable courage.

SO EXTRAVAGANT, BUT I HAVE NO MONEY, SAYS 'OLD GLAMOUR GIRL'

By JOHN HOBSON

SIPPING cider from a half-pint glass as she relaxed in a pair of baggy corduroy trousers, 52-year-old Mrs Mary Elizabeth Oliver said, recently: "I need at least £1,000 a month to live."

Widowed American-born Mrs Oliver had just returned from a meeting of her creditors at the London Bankruptcy Court which she attended wearing those same trousers, a gold blouse, brown suede shoes and a yellow oilskin coat.

The creditors were told that her debts totalled £10,000. Her only assets were book debts of £420 and an interest not yet valued, in the estate of her late husband, Mr John Scott Oliver, an Englishman.

Scented cigarettes

As she smoked a heavily scented cigarette outside the court afterwards globe-trotting Mrs Oliver said: "I am just an old glamour girl who is no longer beautiful."

"I got into debt because I should have died years ago."

She spoke, too, of her marriage, "when I was a dull little American debutante," to Mr Oliver, a business executive.

Mrs Oliver took a book, Mrs Robert Henry's *Daughter for a Fortnight* from a shelf. She pointed to page 101, quoting a letter which she wrote to the authoress:

"I spent my young womanhood with a husband who was as much like a young prince as it was possible to be."

"That," said Mrs Oliver, "was how life was."

"We had 22 servants," she said, languidly. "A yacht, too."

But when her husband died 20 years ago, he left her "only £50,000," she said.

How had she spent her money?

"Let's say buying friendship," she said.

Husbands 'Changed Sex' At Work

WIVES of men at a Nottingham chemical factory became worried.

The men, working on the preparation of synthetic hormone tablets for women, developed large busts.

Dr W. K. S. Moore, medical officer to Boots Pure Drug Co., told a conference of industrial medical officers at Nottingham: "They began reporting pains in the chest."

Now the men wear special protective overalls and have hot baths when they finish work each day. They are medically examined every two days.



MRS. OLIVER

Escape Of The Year

"People" Special

London. F/Lt. Keith Henderson, who, during an exercise in Germany last year, escaped from his American "captors" and trekked 25 miles back to camp in stocking feet, is the first winner of the R.A.F. Escaping Society Trophy.

Henderson, now Adjutant at R.A.F. Wildenrath, Germany, covered the 25 miles of rocky, terrain in cold, wet weather in 46 hours.

The Americans had taken his boots and protective clothing and he was without food.

Henderson, whose father lives in Netherwood, East Finchley, was chosen in preference to F/Lt Gordon Murray Haalop, who was stranded for several weeks on an Antarctic ice shelf after his Auster Plane had been forced down by bad weather.

The plane, attached to the Trans-Antarctic Expedition, was carrying a doctor to a member of the Expedition, who was taken ill.

A deserted wife had to eat potato skins

By "People" Reporter

EX-SHOWGIRL June Bartlett, who once was used to high living, to expensive meals in the best restaurants, found herself reduced to dining on the skins of baked potatoes.

The insides of the potatoes she gave to her two daughters, Miss Walker with a vegetable aged five and two. "They knife."

Mrs Bartlett, aged 28, had just left the dock at the Old Bailey, where the court had been told of the desperate straits to which she was reduced when her husband left her for another woman.

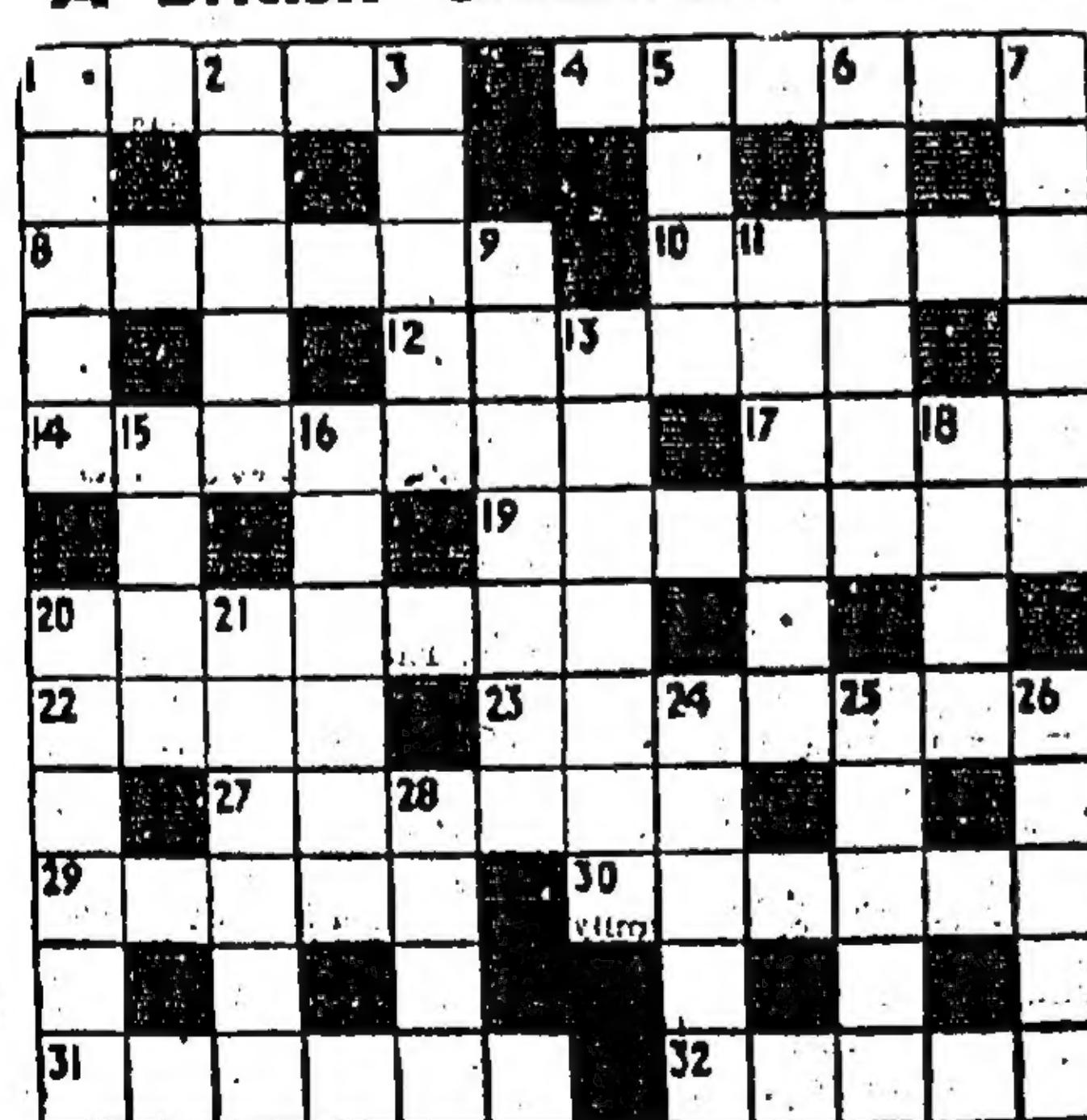
One day, hungry and desperate, Mrs Bartlett sought out her husband, George, to ask for more financial help, the court was told. He was not there, but 23-year-old Nancy Walker was. There was a fight.

Mrs Bartlett, who pleaded guilty to unlawful wounding was put on probation for a year.

The Recorder, Sir Gerald Dodson, told her: "I don't think I have ever taken this course before, where a knife was used."

Dark-haired Mrs Bartlett, of Made Feld, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, wept as a probation officer later told the court: "She has been treated most shabbily by her husband. But she is still in love with him."

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 The explorer who had a taxi to come back! (5).
- 4 Radio bowman (6).
- 8 Notable meal! (6).
- 10 Gave the gludye (5).
- 12 Such a worker may have to sort things out (6).
- 14 Coming down (7).
- 17 To me it's obviously a book (4).
- 19 A really big blow (7).
- 20 Sweet (7).
- 22 Not boundaries (4).
- 23 It helps things to grow (7).
- 27 African fly (6).
- 30 Gift of stone? (5).
- 30 James of Scotland (6).
- 31 Making domestic (6).
- 32 Use the clippers (6).

DOWN

- 1 Managed successfully (5).
- 2 County for rabbits? (6).
- 3 Edible nonsense (5).
- 5 Starling-point (4).
- 6 Raise an outcry (6).
- 7 Colour up (6).
- 9 The capacity to satisfy (7).
- 11 Harvest (6).
- 13 A la mode (7).
- 15 Well-known (4).
- 16 Of some standing (6).
- 18 Atom form of defence (4).
- 20 Fight (6).
- 21 Decade again (6).
- 24 Kis or XVs, maybe (5).
- 25 Well-alight (5).
- 26 Drowsy sort of atmosphere? (6).
- 28 Gallie enthusiasm (4).

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS: Across: 3 Mirrored, 8 Aldo, 9 Swimming, 11 Afghanistan, 13 Envy, 15 Frequent, 18 Sleepers, 19 A-rum, 21 Diseases, 25 Apparent, 26 Glee, 27 Strategy, 29 Down: 1 Papa, 2 Ideas, 4 Iowa, 5 Rams, 6 Reign, 7 Doggy, 8 Sinus, 10 Innap, 12 Rarer, 14 Verse, 16 Blain, 17 Tenet, 18 A-mass, 20 Uppet, 21 Dlat, 24 Saug, 25 Sila, 24 Shed.

Nuri Es-Said—The Man Who Lived With A Vision

People Special

General Nuri es-Said, Prime Minister of Iraq at the time of the rebellion, has spent most of his 70 years living on the edge of a political precipice.

Seven times assassins have attempted to destroy this tough and shrewd old statesman. And now, if confused reports from Iraq are to be believed, they have succeeded.

In June of this year, Nuri tendered his resignation as Premier. If he had left the political stage then, he might be living in comfortable, well-earned retirement today.

But that is extremely unlikely. For Nuri lived with a vision—a vision of a highly civilised State with a high standard of living for all.

Always came back

He wanted to implement vast irrigation, flood control, and electrification projects. He wanted to carry out great economic and social reforms which would bring a new look to the Middle East.

His aims could best be achieved while he held the reins. Thus he became Premier 13 times. Sometimes he resigned, sometimes he was sacked, but always he managed to come back.

Nuri es-Said was born in Baghdad, then part of the Turkish Empire, in 1888. The son of a prosperous merchant,

he became a junior officer in the Turkish Army, resigned in 1913 and became a founder-member of the Naki-Al-Arab Pan-Arab organisation.

Worked with Lawrence

For some years he worked with Lawrence of Arabia, who, in "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" describes Nuri as a man whose "courage, authority and coolness" marked him as an ideal military leader.

This ideal leader became a General and Iraq's chief of staff at the age of 32. He worked in the Ministry of Defence and in 1930 he became Premier for the first time.

He was Iraq's chief representative to the League of Nations, and one of his first acts as Premier was to negotiate a 25-year alliance with Britain.

Since then, for more than a quarter of a century, he has proved himself a consistent friend of Britain. And, in recent years he has emerged as the most strongly anti-Nasser and anti-Communist statesman in the Arab world.

In the past 20 years, Nuri has never been out of office for more than three years. He was

Premier in 1940 when his country severed diplomatic relations with Nazi Germany and was in office in 1943 when Iraq declared war on Germany.

Four years later he was Iraq's chief delegate to the United Nations and in 1950, at the time of his country's oil crisis, he took over the Premiership again.

In 1953 Iraq had its first election by direct vote and Nuri's party was returned to power. But the leader turned down the Premiership and instead took the post of Defence Minister.

Nuri always took over the helm when his country was in the greatest need of an experienced pilot. He also liked to take the post in which he could serve his country best.

His vast experience of the complex affairs of the Middle East goes back to World War I, when he was chief of staff under Allenby of the Arab partisan forces revolting against the Turks.

Shrewdest of politicians

He knew well the grave dangers that surrounded him as a nationalist feeling grew in Iraq. Known as the "Old Fox," he was the shrewdest of politicians. But he was too liberal

a ruler to be able to stem the incoming tide.

Nuri is married and has one son, who was a director of Iraq Airways. He has always lived in simple fashion and is said to have no great wealth.

It is hard to believe that this energetic, likeable old statesman is dead. So often he has slipped into the shadows only to emerge again as a Churchillian figure in Middle Eastern affairs.

But dead or alive, the memory of this man, so dedicated to the service of his country, will live on.

MEN AND WORDS

"The oldest reason I'd like to win it is to keep from getting whopped!"—Roy Harris, candidate for world heavyweight boxing title.

"What has Joyce Mansfield got that I haven't got?"—Mr Ernest Marples, Postmaster-General.

"One motorist thinks there is nothing about, and meets another driver who also thinks there is nothing about. Then there is an accident, and then one of them is no longer about!"—Cardiff magistrate.

WHY THE TOWN LOST ITS TOP



FLASHBACK TO LAST NOVEMBER.

QC criticises architect and the contractors

THE contractors and the architect of the 28 New Town houses that lost their roofs in a November gale at Hatfield, Hertfordshire, are criticised in the report of the inquiry which followed.

Although architect Kenneth Boyd's design was theoretically sound, it says, the roofs would have been carried out.

Mr Boyd is blamed for not telling the contractors, George Wingey and Company, how he wanted the roofs anchored, and

for failing to see that it was done. The contractors are blamed for their "deliberate departure from the architect's drawings, in order to save with a position mainly attributable to their own inaccuracies in construction."

Redhead Rider

Sydney. Sydney's "Iron Horse" woman is an attractive, red-headed mother of two.

Her friends have so dubbed her because Mrs Sylvia Walker rides a motor-cycle an average 120 miles a day.

Mrs Walker is one of Sydney's few motor-cycle despatch riders. Her long hair streaming out behind her, she is a familiar sight in Sydney traffic as she delivers speeches and messages for an optical firm.

She does the job because she likes it.—People Special.

IF YOU'VE EVEN FELT ASHAMED AT YOUR TERROR, READ THIS

"I WAS," said Stirling Moss, "absolutely petrified." He was telling how he felt when the steering broke and his car burst over the banking in the Indianapolis-style race at Monza last month.

I was concluding my analysis of fear and the admission was a vital one. For most people believe that fear is foreign to the supermen who earn their living in the paths of danger.

And believing this, they come to feel that their own fears, whether large or small, are somehow cowardly and shameful.

Such people are doing themselves an injustice. For, says the psychologist, "fear is an instinct. It is inborn. It is perfectly natural to feel fear. It is, in fact, protective."

"Were a child, who had never seen a tiger before in his life, or been told about them—suddenly to come face to face with a tiger, the instinct would immediately operate and that child would feel fear. Its action would be protective—warning the child that the tiger meant danger."

DANGER.

For the sophisticated of danger, like Stirling Moss, the protective action of fear is refined and subtly harnessed as part of his mental apparatus.

"Fear," he explained, "is a valuable thing. I look on it as a sensitive valve which gives me warning when I have reached the limit of my ability."

For in Moss's theory fear is born largely of the unknown—"that's why people are afraid of bumps in the night, because they don't know what is there."

"If the hazards are known and understood and one is confident that one is equipped to surmount them, fear does not arise." The first twinge of anxiety tells him he is beginning to outrun his skill and he adjusts his driving accordingly.

"If ever I thought that fear-value had ceased to work, I would give up racing."

PERCEPTIVE

Thus Moss's frank and perceptive analysis of his own fear-mechanism. It is one with which the psychologist would agree.

"The man utterly without fear is an extremely rare bird. I know of only one such man in modern times. And that is Sir Anthony Eden."

"He literally does not know the meaning of physical fear. To take just one instance, during the war and at the height of the blitz on London, he never even considered going down to the

FEAR

By TERENCE FEELY

Cabinet bunker. He slept like a child on the very top floor of the building.

"It wasn't bravado. It just never occurred to him to be afraid."

How does such a man arise on the human scene? What contributes to his enviable mentality?

SAFE

"About Sir Anthony I don't know. But it is safe to say that it is not that such a man is born without fear. What happens is that the man apparently without fear is buoyed up by a subliminal confidence. A confidence that he is invulnerable, that he can handle whatever may turn up."

"One or two of the old-time Czars in Russia came into this category."

They were not born without fear. But they were born with supreme physical endowments of strength and daring which, supported by the absolute power they wielded—against which nobody dared to stand up—lent them the illusion that they were invulnerable, that there was nothing in the world which could harm them.

They were a confidence which covered the whole of life. But the possession of specialised skills—like those of a racing

driver or a boxer—can produce a similar confidence within limited fields.

"The boxer," added the psychologist, "has no fear when he goes into the ring. No fear of being hurt, as you or I would have. He has the confidence that he can defend himself and beat his opponent."

"But most boxers have other fears connected with their trade. Many of them have an obsessive fear of being knocked out in the first 30 seconds. Just as the greats of cricket fear being bowled with their first ball."

This was confirmed for me by Peter Waterman, ex-British and European Welterweight Champion. "I had no physical fear when I went into a ring. What I did fear was that I would put up a poor show—box badly."

NOT PAIN

"And for some reason, I used to be terribly afraid of getting a cut eye. Not because of any danger to my eye, though—or because of any pain that might be involved. It was a kind of unreasoning reaction."

Unreasoning reaction—this is the key to the operation of this most swamping of emotions. The object of fear presents itself, the body floods the bloodstream with adrenalin—to stimulate action.

And the actions taken in accordance with one's character and the tradition of action which one's previous life has built up.

"There are only four possible courses of action," says the psychologist. "You can run away. You can attack. You can stand, utterly paralysed."

"Or—under the influence of excess adrenalin and the safety curtain which the mind is always ready to lower to protect itself from too much pain or terror—you can faint."

The first two possibilities were classically demonstrated by the Peggs of Wokingham, when they were attacked by Mitchell, an escaped Broadmoor lunatic.

WOULD YOU?

Mrs Pegg ran away and hid under the bed. Mr Pegg took a thick stick in his fist and attacked.

Their reactions were typical. Most women would have fled. Most men, with an average supply of masculine aggressiveness, would have attacked.

Which would you have done? Or would you have fainted?

Whatever your answer, you can depend on this. It is a question which, to greater or lesser extent and in an infinite variety of circumstances, every human being has to answer in reality at some point in his lives.

Nor, in the answering, are there any privileges of place or rank.

For—and the thought is consoling—in the face of fear, all men stand equal.

BEAT!

A Restless New Word In A Nation's Language

From John Monks

IN a dimly lit, airless cellar, a white-faced, unglee man with a rugged hair-cut screams unintelligibly into a microphone.

Around the walls of the cellar, their eyes glazed and their minds seemingly hypnotised by the endless beat of the drum, sit long-haired girls wearing tight black jumpers, black skirts, and black stockings.

At the small bar, drinking vinegary wine and smelly tasting beer, are Negroes, Mexicans, and young Americans in wearing beads. This is the

home and the haunt of America's Beat generation and these are the Beatniks—or new barbarians.

A problem

THE Beat generation is the latest and most serious social problem in America today. It has begun here in San Francisco with the gleam-

ing Golden Gate bridge, and it is worrying police and social workers.

The Beatniks believe in nothing. They see no hope in life and they have no time for religion or moral values. Their cry is: "This planet is careering to its doom, so just leave us alone."

You see the Beatniks in the street, padding along in bare feet and wearing paint-daubed army trousers and rough woolen jumpers. They are young college girls and waitresses and dope peddlers and poets and artists. Some of them work as waiters or crack the hard shells of crabs fresh from the steaming pots on Fisherman's Wharf.

Others do no work at all but sit around in their favourite cafes or cellars eating pastrami sandwiches and listlessly playing chess.

'Don't care'

ONE of their leaders is a poet, Allen Ginsberg, whose poem "Howl" reflects the hopelessness of the Beat generation.

Another leader is an author, Jack Kerouac, who sums up the creed like this: "I don't know. I don't care. And it doesn't make any difference."

Sometimes the Beatniks erupt into wild parties and leap from roofs or windows to show their contempt for life.

After one of these all-night, whisky-drinking parties a Beatnik poet, crab cracker, saxophone player named Paul Swanson plunged to his death.

The next day his friends said casually: "He's gone, man. He's gone. He's far, far out now. He's an angel."

Now the police are moving in to raid the cellars where the Beat generation likes to spend its evenings. The drive is on to close down the areas in which the Beat generation can operate, and also to prevent the philosophy of hopelessness from spreading.

Like Soho

JUST how dangerous is the Beat generation, with its stily cult, pretentious poetry, and its outlandish dress?

Maybe it is not as new as the Beatniks themselves like to think, because, after all, in Paris at the end of the war there were the same girls with unkempt hair.

In Soho clubs in London, not long ago, the same uniform was to be seen. And in Paris and London, ideas not so different from those of the American Beat generation were discussed and then forgotten as some new craze came along.

So the Beat generation in San Francisco will become, I think, another passing tourist attraction, noting just after the Golden Gate bridge and a little before Alcatraz Prison its importance.

GUIDE TO THE SUMMIT

and landmarks along the route

MR. JOHN FOSTER DULLES is President of the United States in foreign affairs. Mr. Eisenhower respects his judgment so much in this field that he leaves it all to him, interfering never.

Mr. Dulles is not an evil man. He is not a seeker after war. But he does not like the idea of Summit talks. He is shocked by the Russian acceptance of Mr. Macmillan's proposal for a meeting in New York.

He refuses to believe that anything to which the Russians agree can be good for the West.

Brought up in the Presbyterian faith and discipline, he is the most distinguished lay member of that community. He holds to the philosophy of Calvin and the teachings of Knox.

He will not willingly make peace with unrighteousness at the price of principles. His masters, Calvin and Knox, rejected elasticity and despised compromise.

Nonetheless, he has to give hearing to the voice of public opinion in the United States and her allied nations where peace is sought and earnestly desired.

MR. KRUSHCHEV is a propagandist without any guiding principles except the benefit and advantage of Russia.

He is an imperialist and coloniser with no inhibitions. When he walks down the gangway at Idlewild Airport he will bring with him all the propaganda tricks that he used on his visit to Britain, and win a reluctant admiration from the American people.

He will search for peace. But most of all he will be on the look-out for cameras and reporters.

He is very much in need of a triumph to bring back to the Russian people—even a propaganda one.

MR. HAROLD MACMILLAN is a sincere and loyal man, with experience of war—as a soldier in the First War, and as a politician in the Second War.

He is also an actor surpassing the great favourites of stage and screen.

His performances in the House of Commons are masterly. He has won the undivided loyalty of the Tory Party. On television there is no showman to touch him.

By compelling Mr. Dulles to agree to Summit talks he has jerked Britain back to its rightful prominence in world affairs. Success will mean his political security for many years.

MR. JOHN DIFENBAKER, Prime Minister of Canada, is a wise and cautious man. He will back Britain's efforts to bring a real settlement at New York.

Midget Trawler

GOING against the current trend of building larger trawlers two fishing concerns have combined to produce the first midget version because they believe it will do more to give the housewife fresher fish.

Just 30 tons and only 75 ft. long the Summer Isle is less than half the size of most trawlers, but she can catch as much, if not more, in the same time at sea. She can carry only half the catch of her bigger sisters, but can make two to three trips to sea in the time they are out fishing. Four other midgets like her are to be built by the same combine. For, as well as being able to land fish fresher because she does so more quickly, she cost only £20,000 compared with £130,000 for conventional trawlers. After fuel consumption works out at only £5 a day as against £45 and she has a much smaller crew.

Pioneer Factory

A 71-YEAR-OLD Londoner's long-standing ambition involving the spending of £2,500,000 and a saving to Britain of over 5,000,000 dollars a year has been realised with the completion of a factory in the village of Bramham, Suffolk. It is the only factory in the

British Commonwealth which is producing film base—cellulose coated with sensitive photographic emulsion. It is a personal triumph for the leading designer and technical director, Mr. Gordon Cousins. Previously film base has been imported from America, but in 1941 the Government warned photographic manufacturers to reduce their dollar expenditure. Mr. Cousins and his team got to work and the factory they designed will turn out 20,000,000 feet (3,600 miles) of film base a year.

Victory Painting

THE Ruins of the Tate Gallery, London, have acquired from Lord Hinchbrook's collection the painting, by Samuel Scott, of Admiral Anson's action off Cape Finisterre, Britain's first naval victory in the war of the Austrian succession. It was painted to commemorate Admiral Anson's defeat of the French fleet under de la Jonquiere at Cape Finisterre on May 3,

There are many belligerent, foolish, and unpredictable men who will also attend the talks. They may do much to damage and possibly destroy the hope of progress in the discussions.

GENERAL DE GAULLE is vain and pompous, muddled and obscure.

NEHRU is swollen with triumph, hypocritical to a degree, and hostile to Britain and the United States, but especially to Britain.

He talks of freedom while keeping the lion of Kashmir, ex-Premier Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, in prison—without trial, without charge, and without the right of appeal year after year.

What, then, are the chances of success at the Summit?

I prophesy peace.

With the warning that the objectives of our enemies are first and foremost the conquest of Sudan, which is the key to Africa, and gives a dominating position over the whole continent, and next Kuwait.

Consider what the subjugation of these two territories would mean.

Sudan is friendly to Britain. It controls the Nile, upon which the livelihood of Egypt depends.

It borders on Abyssinia, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanganyika.

It runs beside the Red Sea in the east, and in the west beside the Sahara Desert, where the French expect to find all the oil they need.

It is as large as India, and whoever controls it has an irresistible influence over all Africa—including the copper mines of Rhodesia, one of Britain's main sources of dollar earnings.

Kuwait, of course, is our chief supplier of oil and petrol. Without it many of our factories would cease work, and millions of workers would be thrown on the dole. There would be no petrol for pleasure motoring, and far less than is needed for essential purposes.

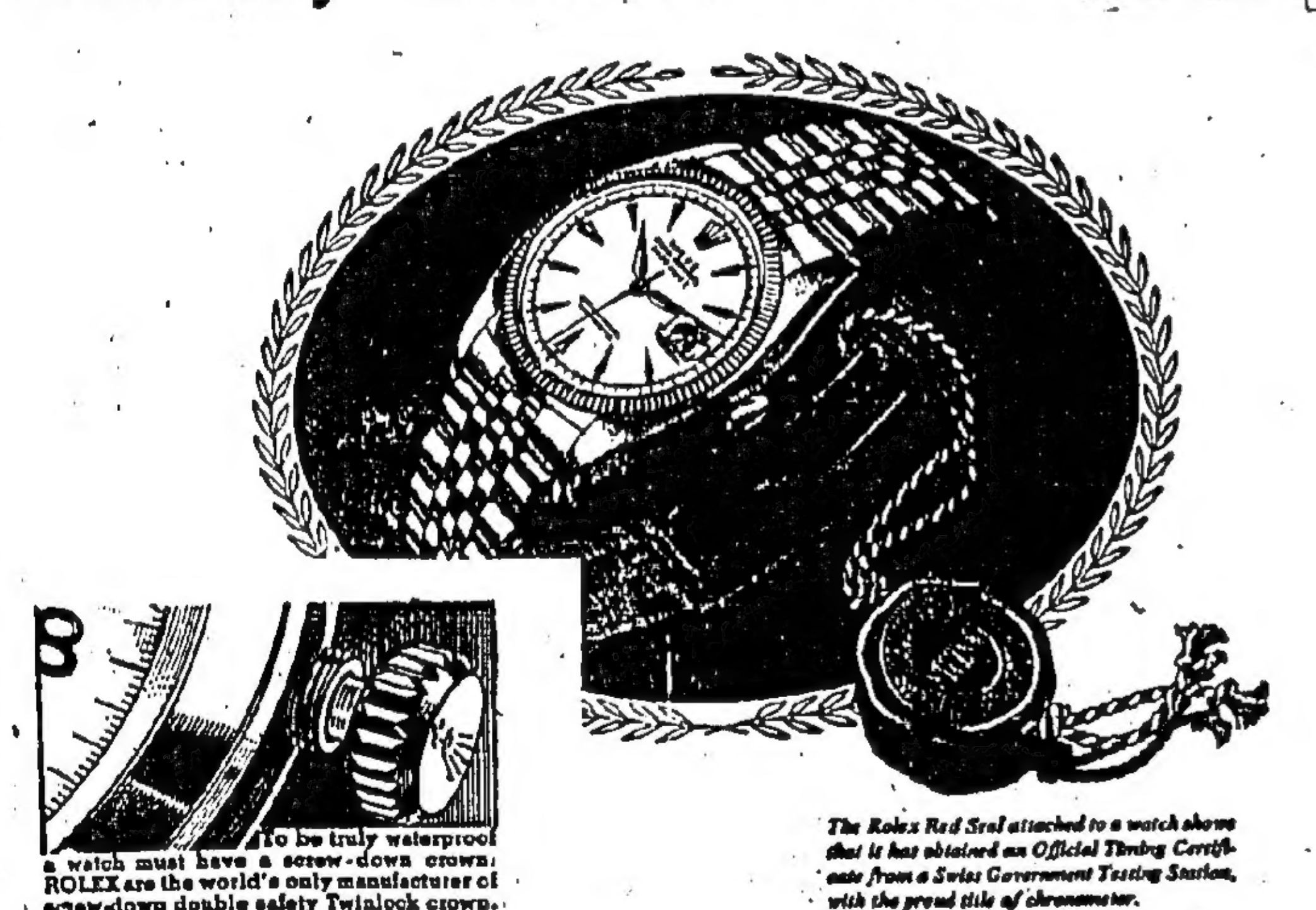
The loss of Kuwait oil would be greater than any disaster ever inflicted upon Britain in time of war.

If either of these areas is seized the result is clear. War must surely follow, even if Britain goes into battle alone as in 1940.

Better by far to be destroyed in defending our own than suffer a slow painful death through starvation, with traitors' hands upon our throats.

Robert Edwards

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ROLEX ALONE (Gents' and Ladies'), DURING THE YEARS 1927-1957 INCLUSIVE, HAVE OBTAINED 346,363 OFFICIAL TIMING CERTIFICATES, WHEREAS THE REST OF THE SWISS PRODUCTION TOTALLED 233,283 SINCE 1927!

In other words, over the past 31 years, Rolex alone have produced roughly 3 out of every 5 wrist-chronometers officially certified in Switzerland!



ROLEX

A landmark in the history of Time measurement

An, jasmine tea, frozen hermit crab. The foods will be seen being prepared daily at the stand of the People's Republic of China exhibiting at the Fair for the first time. Others taking part include Australia, America, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Italy, The Netherlands, Pakistan, Spain and Yugoslavia.

Oldest Hen's Egg?

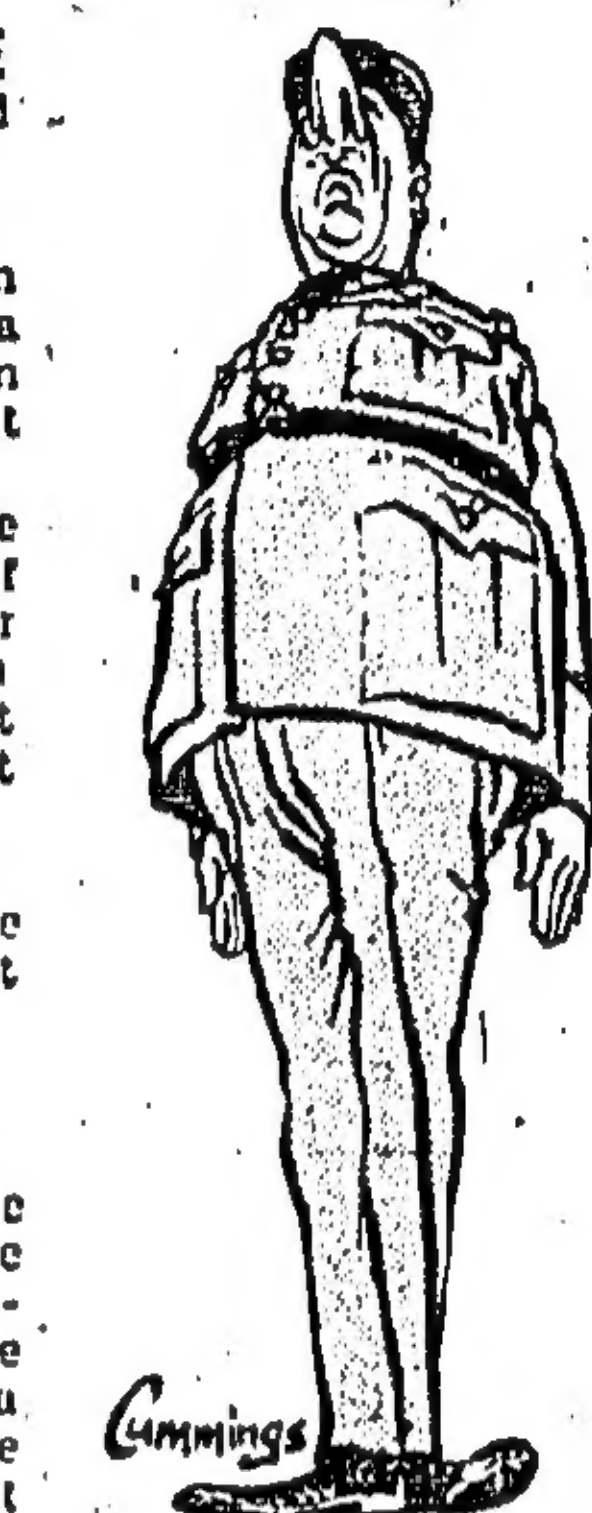
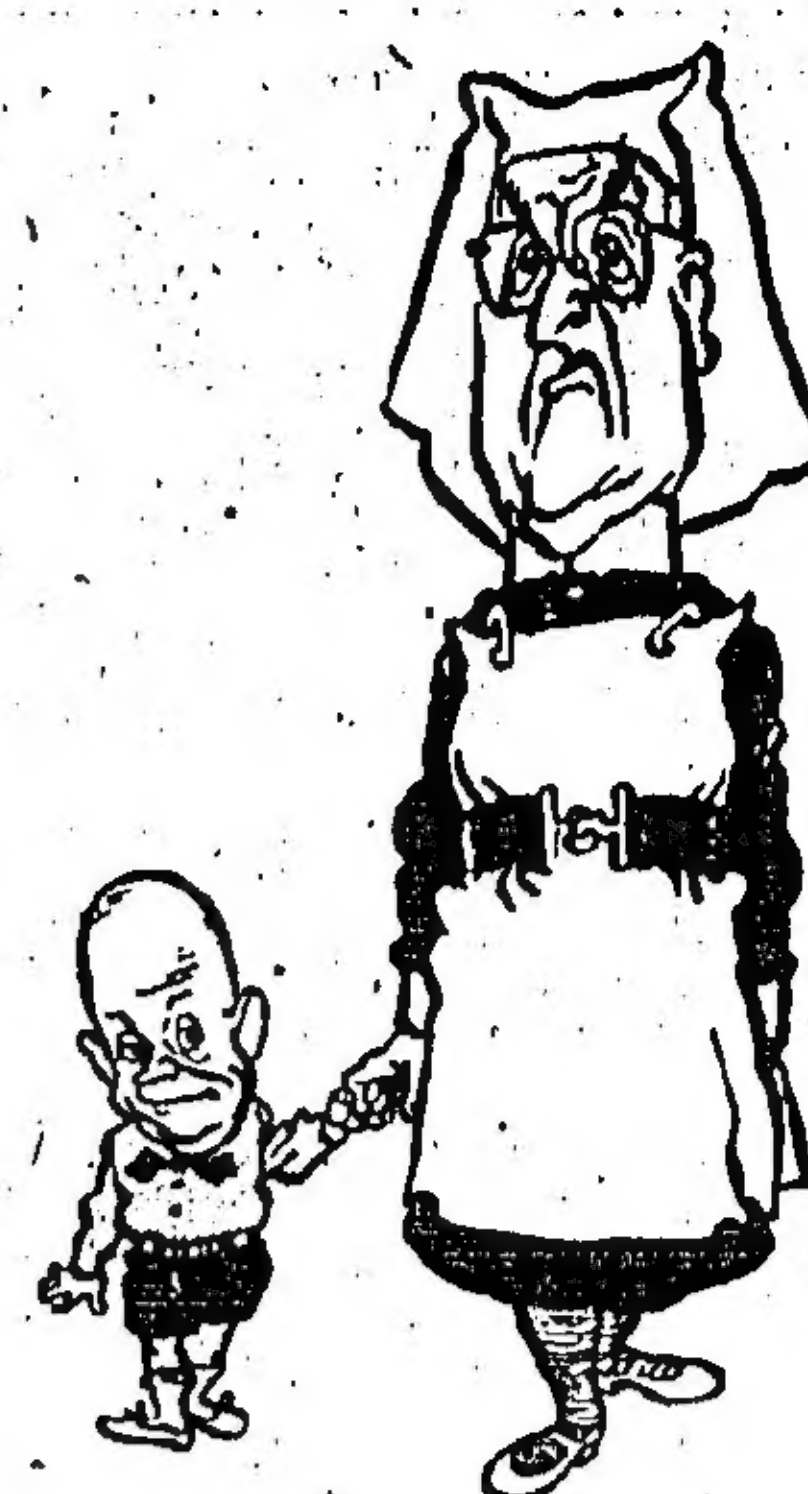
A HEN'S egg said to be 150 years old has been dug up on the site of a former croft house at Balaban, in Lewis one of the Hebrides Isles, Scotland. It was found under two feet of earth and stones. An expert from the North of Scotland College of Agriculture is to examine the egg to try to determine its exact age.

Kent's Best Cadet

SELECTED from all British Red Cross Society cadets in Kent, Billy Douglas, 15, of Bexley, is to travel to Chiasso, Western Germany, for a course in Red Cross leadership at American Junior Red Cross study centre. He belongs to the 208 Detachment, Cadet Unit 5333, at Albany Park, Bexley, and the course is in general leadership training.

Foods For London

STRANGE foods for Britain will be shown at the Food Fair at Olympia, London, taking place from August 28 to September 11. They will include the Eastern delicacies of smoked bluefish, steamed carp, goose in original juice, braised bamboo shoots, tortoise meat, shark's



TONY BROOKS WINS WEST GERMAN GRAND PRIX IN RECORD TIME

Hawthorn And Moss Retire

Nuerburgring, Aug. 3.
Tony Brooks, of Britain, driving a Vanwall, won the West German Grand Prix here today in record time for the tortuous, difficult mountain course.

Brooks covered the 16 laps for a total of 144.5 kilometres (212.9 miles) in 21 minutes 15 seconds, averaging 145.4 kilometres an hour (90.3 miles per hour). Second was Roy Salvadori of Britain in a Cooper, with 2:24:41.7, at an average speed of 141.8 kph (88.1 mph), and third Maurice Trintignant of France, also in a Cooper, with 2:26:30.2, averaging 140.2 kph (87.1 mph).

Empire Games Bowls Is For Younger Men Says HK Team Official

Mr. O. R. Sadick, Secretary General of the Hongkong Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee and Deputy Chief-delegation of the Hongkong team at the Empire Games returned to the Colony last Friday and was full of praise for the Welsh hospitality accorded the Hongkong team, and the excellent organisation of the Games Committee.

He said that he would rather leave it to either the team leader Mr. A. de O. Sales or the team managers of the lawn bowls and fencing teams to issue their official statements later regarding the Colony teams' participation at the Games. But speaking as a lawn bowler and a past President of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association he expressed the opinion that competitive bowls as played in the Empire Games is definitely for the younger men.

Fitness Test?

"Unless Hongkong bowlers are physically top fit and can stand the strain of the tough schedule arranged for bowls at the Games, it will be extremely difficult for them to do any better than what they have done," he said.

"It would be a good idea if in future the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association adopt the policy of subjecting its players to a strenuous training schedule and getting them to pass a general physical fitness test before allowing them to take part in the Empire Games competition.

"The standard of the Hongkong team," he added "compared favourably with that of the best teams taking part but having to play two matches a day continuously for five days proved too strenuous for the older members of the squad."

Two more members of the lawn bowls team, A. E. Coates and R. F. Luz are expected to leave London day after tomorrow and arrive in Hongkong on August 8.

AUSTRALIAN SWIMMERS' CLEAN SWEEP IN FRANCE

Paris, Aug. 3.
Four Australian swimmers, who won gold medals at Cardiff in the Empire Games, all won their events when an Australian swimming team took part in the French swimming championships.

They did not attempt to break any records said one of their trainers, Mr. Don Talbot. The best performance came from Don Konrads, 440 and 1050 yards freestyle events winner at Cardiff, who clocked four minutes 25.9 seconds in the 400 metres freestyle.

Terry Gathercole, 220 yards backstroke winner at Cardiff, won the 200 metres backstroke at 2:41.1, and John Monckton, 110 yards backstroke winner in the Games, won the 100 metres backstroke in 1:27.

In the women's events, Australia's Dawn Fraser, Empire Games 110 yards freestyle champion, clocked 1:17 for the 100 metres freestyle.—Reuter.

Brian Phelps Avenges Defeat

St. Helier, Aug. 3.
Brian Phelps, 14½ years old English schoolboy who finished fourth in the British Empire and Commonwealth Games high diving event, beat him here today.

Phelps scored 143.82 points to win the high diving contest in a Commonwealth festival of diving at the Havre Des Pains. Healy was second with 131.13 points.

Keith Collin, English and Empire Games Champion, won the springboard event with 125.81 points. Canadian champion W. Patrick, second in the Empire Games, was runner-up with 122.20 points and T. Warwick of South Africa, fifth at Cardiff, finished third today with 113.16 points.

Each competitor had ten dives. Judging was by international tariff system.—Reuter.

Chartered Plane For Test-Minded Malaysians

The Malaysian Cricket Association decided at its Annual General meeting today that an aircraft should be chartered to take cricketers and fans to the second and third England-Australia Tests in Australia in December.

There would be room for 55 passengers at an all-in cost of Straits \$2,000 (£233-8-8) each, the meeting was told.

The meeting decided to ask each State association how many of its members wanted to make the trip.—Reuter.

EXCITING FINALE TO COUNTY CRICKET C'SHIP EXPECTED

Northants Could Pip Both Surrey And Hants For Pennant

By NORMAN YARDLEY

(Former England and Yorkshire Captain)

The county championship promises to provide the most exciting finale for many a day. Northants, second last year, are the dark horses and could pip both Hants and Surrey for the championship pennant.

For Northants, and indeed for Surrey, the key match may well be the clash between them at Northampton on August 20. As the Fifth Test starts the following day, Surrey are bound to be without several of their key players. . . . Peter May and either Lock or Laker, or both, seem certain to be at the Oval.

Northants skipper Ian Smith Subba Row might well be there, too, but I would say the odds should be on Northants taking most points. And if they do, Surrey might not be able to recover.

Which goes to show that luck—in this case in the timing of a vital fixture clashing with a Test match—always plays an important part in any side's Championship success.

Strangely from the Surrey point of view, Northants then travel to Southampton for the other crucial game of their programme—against the hard-hitting Hampshire lads. It Subba Row is in the last Test this would give the advantage to Hampshire, who should be at full strength.

Hectic Finish

But as they have to finish off their programme with visits from Yorkshire and Derbyshire I would say that Hampshire probably have the hardest task.

So a hectic finish is in sight. I must be frank and say that I hope Hampshire win through, not that I have any county prejudice.

I like the way their skipper, Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie, has said all along: "We believe the public want to see the ball being hit hard and often and that is what we are aiming to do." And he has had his side right behind him in carrying the policy into practice.

Attacking Cricket

He has set the pace with two of the fastest hundreds of the season and he has given that splendid opener, Roy Marshall, his head, so that they have been making their runs at 60 and 70 a hour from the very first ball.

A short time ago Colin told me: "We didn't start out for the Championship. At the beginning of the season we would have been happy to think of finishing ninth or tenth. All we

aimed to do was to play attacking cricket to please the crowds."

If such a policy brings such notable results to this modest Hampshire side, the idea might catch on in other teams and the whole Championship picture might brighten to bring the crowds back.

As for Northants, I respect their chances because they have an all-round competence and a wealth of experienced spin bowlers—notably George Tribe—to take advantage of this summer's conditions. Then, if the wickets harden in August, they have Francis Tyson fairly bursting to find Australian form and fitness.

I know it is sometimes said to see a great side cracking as Surrey seem to be, but it is a good thing for the game for nonopolies to be broken. I know this side is capable of making their seventh Championship, but I hope they are pipped. Six in a row is enough for any club.

No Weak Link In England Side To Tour Australia

England's tour 17 for Australia is as strong as any I have known in my time in cricket. And, frankly, I can't see Australia holding it.

The combination has only one flaw. If the one all-rounder, Trevor Bailey, is injured, the Test eleven will be thrown out of balance.

STILL NOT BEST TIME

Carin Cone Betters World Swim Record

Topelka, Aug. 3.
Carin Cone, port 19-year-old blonde from Ridgewood, New Jersey, bettered the official world record for the 100 metres backstroke in preliminaries today in the final day of the National AAU senior women's swimming and diving championships.

Miss Cone, who will be a freshman at Houston, Texas, University this fall, swam the distance in 1:12.2, which beats the old record of 1:12.8, set in the 1956 Olympics at Melbourne by Judy Grinham of Great Britain.

Today's triumph was a sort of revenge for Miss Cone, who was judged second to the English star at the Olympics. Two of the three judges there picked her second in the race, although she had the same time of 1:12.8.

Miss Cone said she "hoped to go faster tonight in the finals." Miss Grinham has a new time of 1:11.9, set at Cardiff, Wales, recently. This time is pending as a new world mark, Miss Cone said she would try to better it tonight.—U.P.I.

Bailey is a Test-class batsman and a Test-class bowler. If he drops out for any reason, we will have to go in with only five recognised batsmen, or only four bowlers. Either necessity would reduce the overall efficiency.

Risk Worth Taking

I would have thought the risk of taking another all-rounder with the potential of Ted Dexter would be worth taking.

The other problem of this selection is the problem of keeping the men fit. They won't be enough good for some of them to do. It sounds all right to suggest that you should play two of your four fast bowlers in alternate matches. But it doesn't work out that way. It doesn't work out that way with batsmen either.

Once Peter May sees the shape of his Test side he will want to play his Test men to keep them in match practice. And that will mean that the other lads will be on the side lines. If you only get a match every fortnight, or three weeks, it isn't easy to keep either fitness or keenness.

Sensible Discipline

But these are inevitable problems and it is up to skipper May, manager Brown and the lads themselves to anticipate them and make arrangements NOW to combat them. I would say this tour will demand the most sensible discipline of any in recent years.

As a touring party, however, it looks terrific. Every man is a quality player. There are no

weak links in the chain. And I would say the selection of those three left-hand batsmen is as shrewd a stroke as any to counter Australia's left-arm bowling power.

As for Australian wickets, this party is equipped for any—hard, soft, firm or broken—and May has the right men to call on. I am delighted Wardle and Laker are in the side. It would have been a pity if there had been any sign of recrimination following their yes, no, problem of recent weeks. MCC have come out of it all very well indeed.

The Australian selection naturally took attention from the rain-ruined fourth Test at Manchester. But I think everybody in England was delighted to see New Zealand have reasonable luck with both the top and the wicket in their first innings.

Character Cricket

They proved that with sun on their backs and a good pitch they could shape much better than their earlier figures have suggested.

Tony McGibbon's rallying 68 was a fine piece of character cricket. When he went in, Sutcliffe and Reid and the side was willing again at 62 for four. He showed the way to that relatively good-looking 287 with Sparling and Petrie supporting him to the hilt.

I think most folk felt it was a pity that the Kiwis didn't catch England on a really bad wicket. It would have seemed poetic justice to see them struggling for a change.



Sport's Reply To The Colour Bar

At a dance at the Empire Village, Africans and Europeans rock 'n' roll happily together as shown in the above picture.

South Africa's all-white team was the target of a number of protests, but opinion was expressed in a number of British papers that protest meetings should have been held in Capetown, not at Cardiff, for the South African sportsmen could not be expected to "rebel" against their Government or offend public opinion at home while the Games were on.

J. L. Manning said in the Sunday Dispatch "They know, too, that it's just matter of time; perhaps a long time . . . when South Africa can pass the test of universal sportsmanship and stage the Empire Games in Capetown—for ALL Races."

Ladies' Softball League SOUTH CHINA NOW HOT FAVOURITES FOR THE TITLE

By "TIME-OUT"

C. Y. Lam's South China lassies established themselves as hot favourites to win the Ladies' summer softball league with a 33 runs to two victory over the luckless Matadors over the week-end.

The Carolinians are unbeaten to date and with the return of Kwan Yick-ching from Taiwan the team have added power to their infield.

Kwan was the winning Hongkong pitcher against the Taiwan Ching—Sau girls when the latter were beaten 5-2 some years back and she showed that she still possesses a fast ball. She celebrated her return to the local diamond with a dozen strike-outs against the helpless Matadors.

South China's tall first-sacker, L. Y. Kwok drove in the first run with a resounding double over second base. Skipper Margaret Lam parked the ball in left-field for Kwok to register run number two and a grounder past short saw Lam making it 3-0 before the side was retired.

An Off-Day

The winners increased their lead slowly but surely with a succession of hits off Matador hurler Annabelle Chiu who seemed to be having an off-day.

Just how badly off form she was can be gauged by the fact that when the fifth inning opened with the score at 9-0 in favour of South China Annabelle tossed no fewer than 21 balls before she could put a decent strike across the plate. This fifth frame proved disastrous for the Matadors who

appeared to lose heart and it came as no surprise when a merciless South China team ran rings around the opposition to notch up an even dozen runs. The big blow was C. Y. Lam's triple which stretched into a homer.

With a shut-out imminent when the sixth frame got going South China blundered Kwan eased up a little but still the Matadors failed to score a face-saving run and a glance at the scoreboard revealed the fantastic total of 25 runs to the winners.

Another Eight Runs

Apparently not content with this huge lead South China went on to register another eight runs and only some fine fielding by the losers' Francis Lai at left field, who never stopped chasing the ball, saved

the Matadors from sinking deeper.

In the last inning with one away Kwan issued a base on balls to C. Chiu. A hit past shortstop by Francis Lai advanced Chiu to second. Another hit by a Matador batter had Chiu scoring the losers' first run and the second came as a result of an error by Kwan, who then put an end to everything by fanning Annabelle Chiu for the last out of the game.

Definitely not an exciting game as the score will tell you, South China showed no mercy to the opposition while the Matadors never gave up hope.

It looks like South China for the ladies' championship for the simple reason that the rest of the league has no pitcher to match the Carolinians' Kwan.

THE GAMBOLS



Shock Results In Week-End Lawn Bowls League Matches KOWLOON DOCK CLUB UPSET AGAIN

YESTERDAY'S COLONY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

Landolt's Four Presented With Rinks Game On A Silver Platter

Never perhaps in the history of the Colony Open Lawn Bowls Championships was a game so neatly laid out on a silver platter and presented to the winners as the Colony Open Rinks quarter-finals match at Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday between the KCC four of D. C. Symons, A. M. Alves, F. R. Kermann and J. S. Landolt and the KCC-CCC combination of F. Lee, S. Y. Doe, M. Q. Wong and W. Hong Sling.

Landolt's four were the recipients and Hong Sling's four the donors of the present.

At the end of the 10th head the score was 17-14 in favour of Hong Sling's four. On the 20th head, Hong Sling's four were lying one or two shots when Landolt took a desperate drive with his last wood but succeeded in only adding the jack to a jack-high position along an opposing wood. Landolt's four, however, still had a second shot, also jack-high on the opposite side of the shot wood, partially covered by a front blocker. The swinging forehand was open for a draw.

Surprise

With his last wood of the head, Hong Sling to the surprise of practically all the spectators instead of trying for a dead draw or what seemed a better alternative "talked" his wood to practically wrap up the match with a four-shot lead on the last head, took a drive in an attempt to take out the second shot for a count of four.

He was narrow and took the jack into the ditch to Landolt's touch and gave away the shot. Upset by this setback and showing signs of nervousness Hong Sling's frontmen could get nowhere to within a yard of the

full-length jack on the final head, and as the skips went down to bowl Landolt's four were lying three shots. Hong Sling was through with his first wood. He was narrow with his second but tapped up one of his own side's woods a few inches. However, in the tense measure that followed, Landolt's four still had the three shots to win by 10-17.

Best Of Eight

Played on a very tricky green, the game seldom if ever reached a really high standard. A conspicuous feature was the off-day enjoyed by both the No. 3's.

Best among the eight on view was Francis Lee whose consistent drawing gave Hong Sling's four a slight edge all the way through until the 10th head.

Landolt, himself, put up a fighting performance but was unfortunate in not getting the rub on a few occasions. Best support for him came from D. C. Symons. Hong Sling put in a couple of brilliant saves but was on the whole far below his usual form.

The three other quarter-finals produced one minor upset when Recreio's V. A. Sequeira, L. M. Remedios, A. M. Baptista and

A. A. Lopes of Recreio edged out Craighower's E. G. Barros, A. M. L. Soares, W. C. Ogley and C. Hong Choy by 25-18.

The HKPSA four of J. Wall, B. J. Stevens, G. Watt and T. Poynton who scored a brilliant upset victory in the previous round failed to reproduce their earlier form and found Recreio's J. M. Gutierrez, H. A. Ozorio, S. E. Sousa and C. E. Passos to whom they lost by 29-14 much too good for them.

The fourth semi-final berth went to Talook's J. S. Skedd, G. Stark, J. B. Baxter, and R. B. Marshall who scored a convincing 19-15 win over Filipino Club's C. M. Rozario, E. Lawrence, M. T. Nunes, and R. M. V. Ribeiro.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Bowls
Liberation Shield: KCC v KBCG.
1st Division: FC "A" v HKCC.
TOMORROW
Bowls
Men's Open Pairs: Matches at HKCC.
1st Division: KBCG v TC, 8.30 p.m.
2nd Division: TC v IRC 5.30 p.m.

Beat IRC For Their Third Major Victory Of The Season

HKPSA SURPRISE RECREIO IN 2ND DIVISION

By ROBERT TAY

Kowloon Dock Club, the second division team who were promoted to the first division league barely two seasons ago may not win the Colony first division league title this season. They may probably finish up eventually somewhere near the middle of the league table, but they are the team that will be most remembered in the 1958 league.

Handicapped by the absence on leave of most of their star bowlers at the beginning of the season they surprised every follower of the game by handing the top-favoured Recreio "A" squad a 4-1 defeat. Ten days ago they practically put Kowloon Cricket Club out of the running for the first division Championship honours when they edged out the cricketers by a 4-1 margin.

This Saturday, as if to show that no discrimination was intended they meted out the same treatment to second-placed Indian Recreation Club, who before this disastrous defeat were only one point behind the league-leading Recreio "A" twelve.

Record Within Reach

The dockmen are now well within reach of a record glancing achievement as they have only to beat Craighower Cricket Club "A" on their own green on August 16 to complete that feat.

Once again the Dock four of P. Kennedy, R. Lapsley, A. W. Lapsley and W. Davidson paved the way to their side's success. Although they ended up with only a 30-25 win over J. M. A. Ramjahn, K. M. Omar, J. Hoosen and A. K. Minu their 20-7 lead at the tea-interval was a great moral booster to the dock team. Both fours were never able to

reproduce their best form on this rink, as play was practically confined to only one playable hand and the side that got there first on the good hand were well in for the count. Minu's four showed the way with two two's and a three on the first three heads.

Then it was the turn of Davidson's four to monopolize the playable hand. They held on to the jack for nine successive heads, chalking up no fewer than 20 shots during that period to lead by 20-7 at the tea interval.

Sudden Reversal

The resumption saw a sudden reversal. Minu's four came back with two five's, a four and a single—15 shots in four heads—to lead by 22-20. It almost looked like a cricket game at this stage as Davidson and his men "now come in to bat" and knocked up a five, a single and

two two's to regain the lead at 30-22. The IRC four countered with a three on the last head to end a rather unique game as far as the scoring was concerned.

Most decisive win for Kowloon Dock, however, was scored by N. McKittick, R. James, A. Campbell and G. Coles, who led all the way after the third head against A. M. Wahab, Jr., B. M. Omar, A. R. Rahman and A. M. Omar to win by 24-13.

Skip Coles played a grand game for the Dock four but special honours went to their lead N. McKittick—a 16-year-old KGV schoolboy and son of veteran J. McKittick—who played an extremely consistent game throughout.

The closest game was seen on the third rink between IRC's R. Karandin, A. J. Hussain, K. M. Humjahn and A. R. Kitchell and Kowloon Dock's A. Cochrane, H. Lapsley, A. Banks and A. Skeech. Closely fought out throughout, it reached a thrilling finish on the last head when the score was deadlocked at 17-17. Only a brilliant shot by skip Kitchell enabled the Indians to salvage their solitary point from this match. With opponents lying one, he trailed the jack to register a count of three and win the game by 20-17.

Specially Creditable

Recreio "A" as expected collected four points from "CCC" "B", but Talook's 4-1 win over Recreio "B" was a specially creditable one considering that the Recreio Juniors had only a couple of days before scored a brilliant 4-1 triumph over Kowloon Cricket Club.

Claiming top honours in this match were undoubtedly the Talook four of G. Stark, A. C. Spence, W. McHardy and G. Clayton, whose 20-6 win over V. A. Sequeira, S. A. Collaco, A. A. Gutierrez and C. E. Passos laid the foundation for their Club's repeat victory over their opponents.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club missed by a hair-breadth to emulate the feat of Kowloon Dock in their match against Craighower Club "A".

A 4-1 victory was well within their grasp until the last two heads of the game.

P. Manson, A. M. L. Soares, F. Lee and G. A. Souza had then given Craighower a nine-shot lead on the aggregate with their 22-13 win over V. Boad, E. Baker, W. Williamson and T. Kavanagh, in a game featured by four burnt heads. Some exceptionally good bowling in this match came from Francis Lee and George Souza.

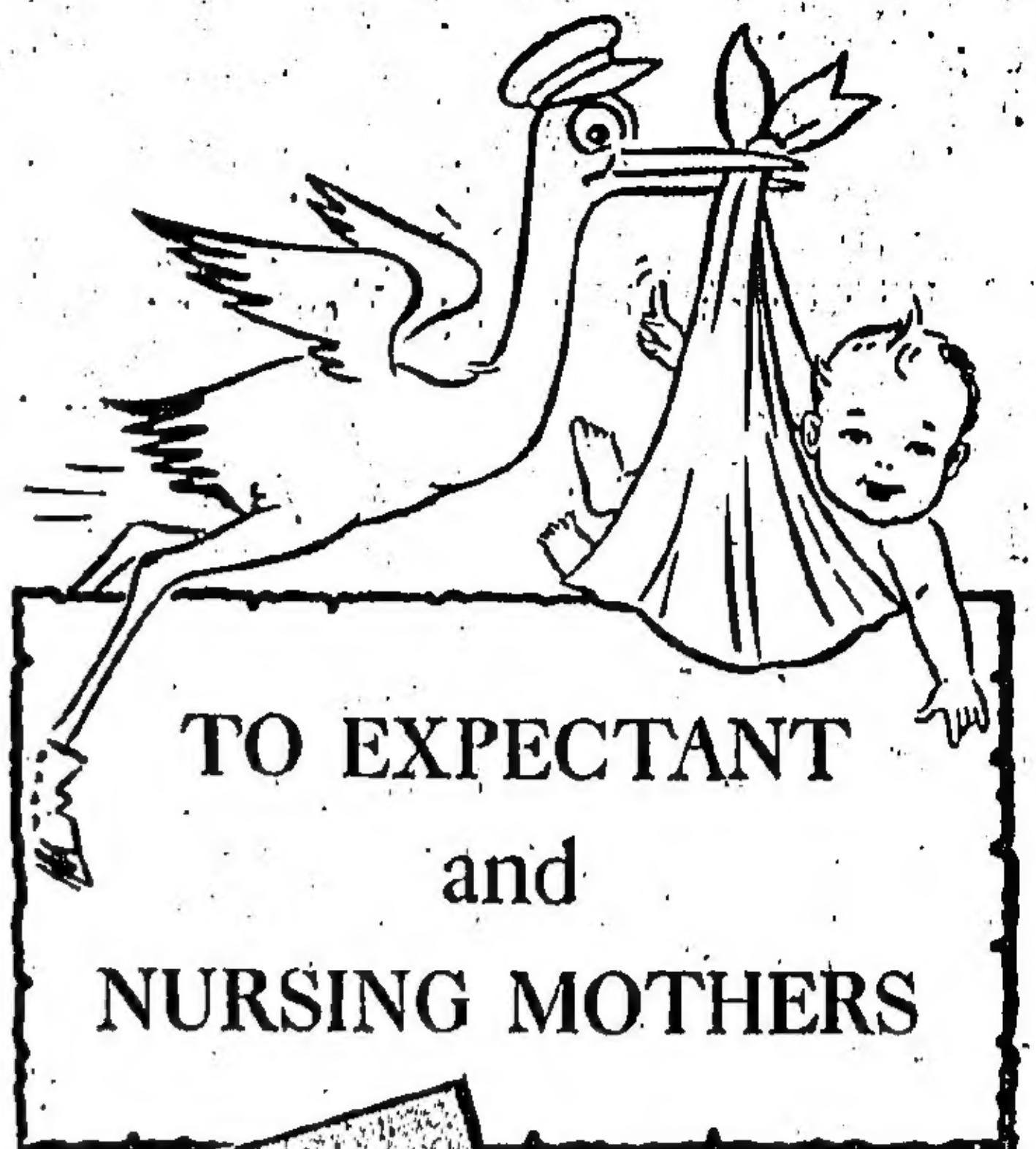
G. Jeffries, A. Eastman, L. Cosgrave and E. Purvis however, reduced the deficit to only two shots when they outbowled R. Tay, C. K. Sung, F. O. Madar and S. L. Leonard by 21-14. Skip Purvis took the lion's share of the honours on this rink with a fine all-round display.

Tie The Score

On the third rink, D. Agnew, V. Russell, S. Bicheno and J. Tindall were then leading P. R. Regi, E. G. Barros, W. C. Ogley and G. Hong Choy by 19-15 with two heads to go. On the 20th head, Barros succeeded in taking the jack into the ditch and the CCC four chalked up four shots on this head to tie the score at 19-19.

On the last head, Tindall's four were lying three beauties only to see George Hong Choy take a full-blooded drive and turn the head. In the replay of the final head, the CCC four managed to hold on to a single to make the final score 4-1 for their side.

Credited with the second shock victory in Saturday's league games were the happy-go-lucky Hongkong Police Sports Association second division twelve. Their 4-1, albeit narrow win over third-placed Recreio proved once again that on their best form the Police twelve are a match for the best team in this division.



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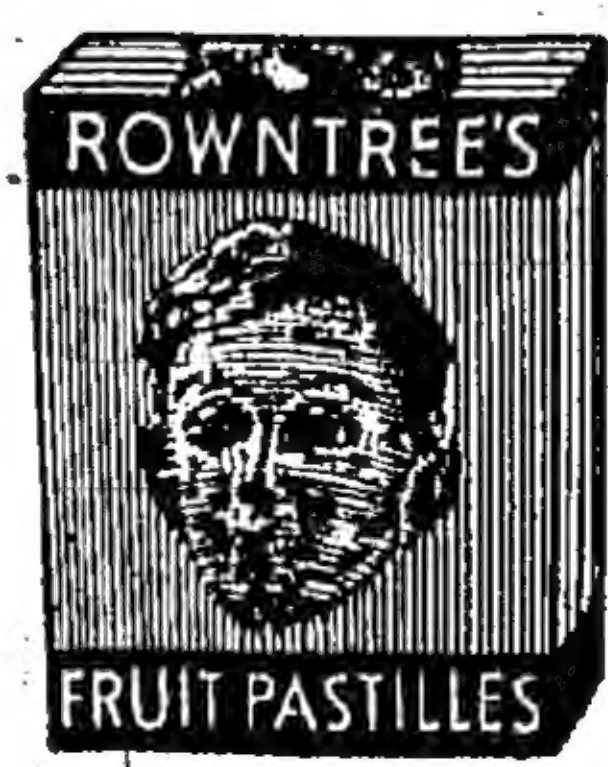
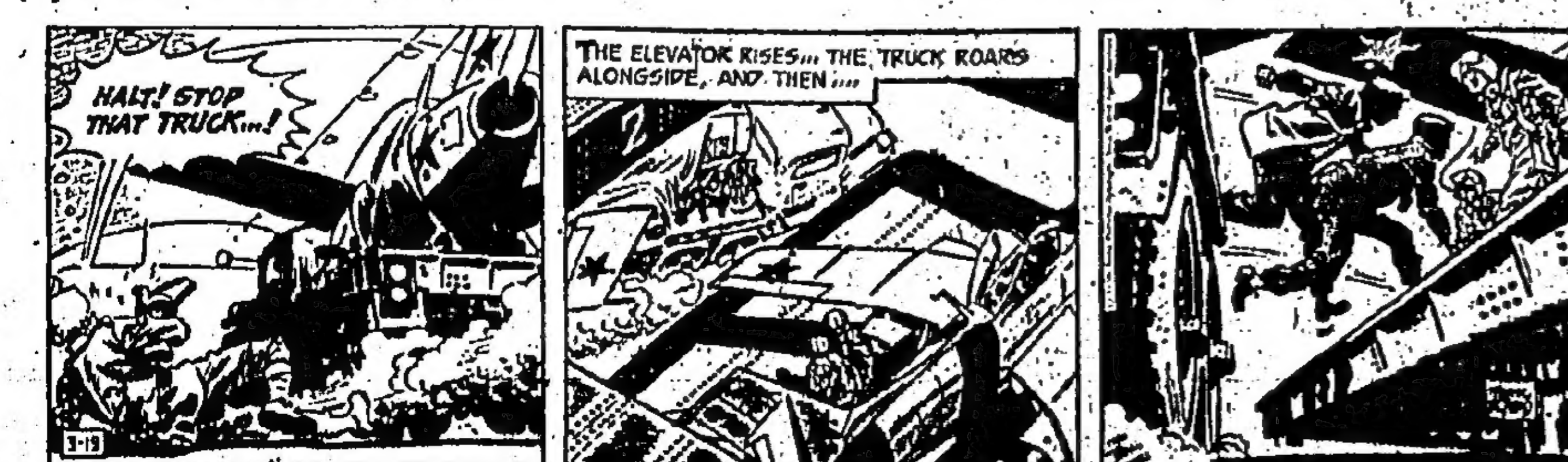
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SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

'DO-IT-YOURSELF' KITS FOR VEHICLE ASSEMBLY

A SCHEME, which, it is claimed, will help overseas vehicle dealers to lower their costs has been introduced by a British firm for the assembly of one of their range of trucks.

The success of this "do-it-yourself" method is leading a team of investigating engineers to look at the possibility of extending it to a complete range of vans.

Until recently the cost of special jigs and fixtures, welding equipment and tools needed for motor vehicle assembly has been as much as £7,000, a cost which calls for an economic production rate of at least 25 units a day. The kit now devised consists of assembly tools costing no more than £50, enabling 10 men to assemble two trucks a day.

To prepare the detailed instructions the firm built a truck in the way a dealer would be expected to do it, using the limited equipment he would have available. A team was formed to carry out a physical appreciation of what was involved and step-by-step instructions were written, photographs taken, and detailed drawings prepared.

Because few dealers have paint-baking facilities, the use of air dry paints are necessary and a comprehensive list of paints and instructions for their application has been prepared. A method of air dry sealing has been devised against water and dust entry, as dealers do not have ovens to bake the sealers used in production at the factory.

Building skills without special sewing machines, assembly fixtures and technical know-how has been overcome by supplying seal covers cut to size and sewn. Detailed instructions and sketches are given on how to assemble springs, shock absorbers, servo units, and other parts. Operation sheets and sketches for building up the front and rear axles, instrument panel and all wiring have also been prepared.

TOTAL TIME
The total time taken from start to finish of assembly was about 70 man-hours.

The first experiment vehicle "hand-built" in the factory has been tested and results show it is as good as those produced in the conventional way.

Reception of the method of assembly has been enthusiastic and immediate inquiries have come from 16 locations, including Hongkong, Formosa, Manila, Uganda and South Africa (Ford Motor Co., Ltd., Dagenham, England).

NEW HYDRAULIC HATCH COVERS

THE latest addition to the new class of multi-purpose bulk carriers developed in Sweden, the 19,500-ton m.s. World Skill, which was delivered from the Kockum yard to the Niarcho Group about a month ago, is equipped with an interesting new system of hatch covers.

The system, which has been developed by Kockums and patented in 17 countries, is so highly automatic that each half can be opened or closed by one man in two minutes.

The m.s. World Skill has six hatches which together cover an area 10,000 sq. ft. and have an aggregate weight of 100 tons. They are actuated by means of hydraulic piston engines, fed with pressure oil from separate pumps. Two of the hatches are divided into three sections. A four-sectioned hatch is opened, two sections move forward and two move aft.

Each half is worked upon by two piston engines. The pushing force in the engine is transformed into a pulling force by means of a link system, it activates a lifting mechanism which is anchored with one end in a trestle on deck and with the other at the folding point of the two sections.

The outer edges of the hatch covers roll on wheels which are the frame of the hatch. When the cover is almost opened, an outer wheel takes over part of the weight and moves into a slanting and slightly upward curved track which is designed for facilitating the start when the cover is being closed. The pumping machines are placed between the hatches in such a manner that they are sheltered by the opened covers when loading goes on.

IGY Ionospheric Research This Year

ROUGHLY two million tables of data or photographic records are expected to be collected from data of ionospheric research throughout the world during the present International Geophysical Year.

This was disclosed in the annual report for 1957 of Dr R.L. Smith-Rose, director of radio research in the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

DATA CENTRES

The data will be collected at four world data centres, of which the radio research station at Slough (Hucks) is one, and exchanged with the other three at Boulder (Colorado), Moscow and Tokyo.

The report says that detailed examination of the radio transmissions from the first artificial satellites will be facilitated when more accurate knowledge is available of the position of the satellites at the times of observation.

Among experiments carried out at Slough have been those on ionospheric forward scatter over large distances to find the angular distribution of the radiation arriving at the receiver. Corresponding investigations have been made at shorter wave lengths into the forward scattering of signals by way of the lower part of the atmosphere.

SEMI-CONDUCTOR

In the field of semi-conductor research, measurements were made of silicon filaments and commercial transistors. Particular emphasis has been given to the properties of transistors at very high radio frequencies and for this purpose measuring equipment covering a wide band of frequencies has been developed.

The report, together with the report of the Radio Research Board, is published by the Stationery Office, price 3s. 6d.—China Mail Special.

TAPE RECORDER FOR ALL NEEDS

A NEW portable tape recorder designed for the home, office, factory, school, shop and public service, has been introduced.

The machine is intended to meet all requirements, say the manufacturers. Its frequency response of 40-10,000 cycles per second puts it in the "hi-fi" class. Headphone and telephone attachments make suitable for use with a stroboscope, for cine-synchronization.

It carries seven inch reels, which means that pre-recorded tapes can be played and it has a twin-track facility—the track in two halves is like a type-writer ribbon.

JOY-STICK

The joy-stick control resembles a car's gear lever, and controls record, play-back, and the backward and forward movement of the tape. With this control, say the manufacturers, they have done away with carbons. There is a tone control and mixing facilities enable two inputs to be mixed.

A special feature is the machine's superimposing arrangements, which allows a recording to be made over a previous one without obliteration. Monitoring facilities are also provided and there is a pause control. A "safety" button to prevent accidental erasure can be used as a stop/start button for other facilities and similar applications where recording is not made non-stop.

The model can be used with external amplifier or loud-speaker. Used with a record player or disc turntable, it can itself be used as a "straight-through" amplifier.

Weekly Report On American Economy GENERAL UPWARD CLIMB

An Epitaph On The Grave Of The Recession

New York, Aug. 3.

With the exception of continued reports on diminishing second quarter company earnings, everything else seemed to be going up this week — from production and construction to steel prices and the National Debt ceiling.

The discouraging second quarter earnings reports, of course, were not only the necessary aftermath of what has been. They are considered the penalty that has to be paid for the recession — in some cases by the shareholder in lower dividends, but mostly absorbed some other way by the companies themselves.

The upward climb in almost all other aspects of the economy in the promise of the future, with all its inflationary pressures and dangers.

Bad Earnings

A typical "bad" earnings report was that of Erie Railroad covering the first half of 1958. A net loss of almost five million dollars last year. The company had a net income of almost two million. There were a few exceptions. General Motors covered its obligatory 50-cent dividend by netting 52 cents a common share in the second quarter — against 65 cents in the preceding three months — and was the only Big Three auto maker to operate in the black.

But business in general looked upon these reports as an epitaph on what it hoped would be the grave of the recession. It thought it would make out even—or at worst cut its losses—in the third quarter and resume the long expected climb upwards in earnings in the fourth.

There were signs aplenty to support this thesis. Housing construction showed a slight uptick and June building contracts climbed to \$3,800 million, by far the highest figure ever reported for a single month. The June figure was eight per cent above a year ago and approached what many expected would be the highest point in two years.

Price Barrier

The breaking of the steel price barrier—long expected but postponed until steelmakers felt reasonably certain the market could take a boost—was another sign of confidence in the future. Armco Steel was the first to take the plunge, Tuesday with an announced average increase of 2.75 per cent over the current price level—between \$3.50 and \$5.50 a ton. Three other companies, led by Republic Steel—the third largest—followed suit on Wednesday.

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U.S. Steel, the country's largest steel maker and the traditional price leader, finally joined the move on Thursday and so did Pittsburgh Steel, Bethlehem, the second largest, followed suit within a few hours.

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The Middle Eastern crisis has been cited as a factor in the firming of at least three sectors of the economy—domestic oil prices, domestic steel prices and domestic grain prices.

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NEW MARKETS DELAY FOR NZ

Auckland, Aug. 3. Development of new markets for New Zealand exports, particularly in the trade treaty negotiations with Japan, is being held up because of a delay in reaching an agreement with Britain on preference revisions under the Ottawa Pact, informed sources said today.

Revision of preferences for British imports would enable other countries to sell more goods here and in turn buy more from New Zealand. It would also enable New Zealand to give more protection to local secondary industries against competition from cheap goods produced in British Colonies, such as Hong Kong, which are being imported under low preferential tariffs.

Britain, however, is anxious to retain as big a share as possible of the New Zealand market and has said assurances that her share will not be further reduced by selective import controls. It is on this point that negotiations for a British and New Zealand agreement have reached a stalemate.—U.P.I.

More Inflation As Steel & Aluminium Prices Raised

By CLYDE FARNSWORTH

New York, Aug. 3.

The United States headed for another round of inflation today with prices for two basic materials—steel and aluminium—moving up a notch.

CANADIAN EXPORTS RISE

Ottawa, Aug. 3.

Sales of uranium, wheat, aircraft and cattle offset losses in petroleum, base metals, newsprint and aluminium to raise Canada's exports for the first six months of 1958 2.2 per cent higher than in 1957.

Value of exports from January through June was \$2,338,300,000, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.

In the second quarter exports increased by seven per cent in value and thus went up at a higher rate than for the first six months as a whole. In June exports increased by almost nine per cent.

The proportion of exports going to the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and Europe increased moderately to 15.7 per cent, 6.6 per cent and 12 per cent respectively. Sales to the United States and Latin America fell to seven per cent and 3.9 per cent respectively.—U.P.I.

Bank Of England Statement

London, Aug. 3.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended July 30 reads as follows:

Notes in circulation	£1,223,000,000
Private deposits	£1,024,125,000
Government securities	£2,275,500,000
Other securities	£2,272,141,000
Receipts	£2,000,000,000
Ratio	100

—U.P.I.

Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Aug. 3.

The Bank of France statement for the week ending July 24 reads as follows:

Total gold holdings	201,204,232,420
Foreign currencies	11,034,100,201
Notes in circulation	11,771,000,000
Advances to Government	zero
Advances to banks	1,050,754,112,023
Other securities	3,303,862,573,000
Current accounts and deposits	300,600,150,703

—U.P.I.

The Twelfth

The new price increase marked the first time in recent years that U.S. Steel which produces nearly one out of every three tons of steel in the country, has not been the price leader. The increase was touched off on Tuesday night by Armco Steel Corp., the

Domestic wool markets were slow, but prices were firm and a little higher in the West. Trading in worsted yarns was slightly better and prices on some counts were up five cents a pound. Hand fibres markets were slow. Buyers were reluctant to pay higher prices for wool. There were few offerings of manilla hemp but prices continued to move upward.—U.P.I.

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terest in acetate and rayon tricot fabrics, tulle, lace, dacrons, marquisettes, and rayon and acetate blended gabardines.

Cotton knit underwear, especially T-shirts, encountered boom-time demand and buyers found it difficult to locate goods for speedy delivery.

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LONDON REMAINS QUIET

London, Aug. 3.

Stock markets failed to attract much attention during the past week and remained quiet but with just enough investment buying to keep prices firm.

Much of the steam of last week's early rise in the markets was used up when reports arrived of the remarks of Sir David Eccles, President of the Board of Trade, made to the Ministerial Council of the OEEC in Paris. He said the American recession was likely to spread to Europe in the near future and this view was echoed by Derick Heathcote-Amory, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, a day or so later.

Influence

The dominating influence on markets has been the sudden incursion of the clearing banks into the field of direct ownership of share-purchase shares. Barclays Bank proposals taking a 25 per cent interest in the equity of United Dominions Trust and Westminster Bank and Marine Bank hurriedly followed with plans for a stake of 20 per cent each in mercantile credit. After an initial burst of strength, share-purchase finance shares fell abruptly on liquidation. But Bank shares held some of the gains, they made at first.

The bright recovery in the gilt-edged market of the previous week was not continued but gilts were a fraction harder on balance. The industrial average was virtually unchanged on the week at 178.4. The expansion of business of the previous week was greatly reduced and prices moved sluggishly and within narrow limits. The approaching holiday season and Bank Holiday Monday in particular were responsible for this.

Brighter

This also influenced the foreign bonds market, which was very quiet with little material change in prices. Transatlantic stocks were mostly brighter in line with Wall Street. The premium rose 1/4 per cent.

Oil has not recovered from the depressed levels following the Iraqi revolt, and continued an uncertain market during the week. Brightest were the Trinidad shares following United States buying in a market short of stock. The past week has also seen some switching from Middle Eastern oils to Western Hemisphere, resulting in a drop of ninepence on the week in BP and 7 1/2d in Burren. On balance Shell Transport suffered a drop of 2s 4 1/2d to 130s 10 1/2d.—U.P.I.

Bank Of Canada Interest Rates

Ottawa, Aug. 3.

The Bank of Canada weekly interest rate hit a new record low for the second week in a row.

The July 31 rate of 1.12 per cent compared to 1.22 a week earlier. That rate had broken the previous all-time low of 1.50 per cent set on August 4, 1958.

The Bank's rate, with few exceptions, has been falling steadily from a high of 4.53 last August.—U.P.I.

Non-American Companies Account For 15 Per Cent Of West's Industrial Output

New York, Aug. 3.

Fortune magazine today published a list of the 100 largest non-American industrial companies and said they accounted for some 15 per cent of the free world's industrial output outside the United States.

The 100 firms had total sales last year of \$55,000 million, assets of \$43,000 million and reported net profits of \$2,800 million, Fortune said.

Heading List
Heading the list is the British-Dutch Royal Dutch Shell Petroleum Company with sales last year of \$7,376,827,000 and a net profit of \$506,619,000.

In second place is Unilever, another British-Dutch company, whose sales of food products and chemicals totalled \$3,414,020,000 and whose net profit was \$125,505,000.

Others among the top ten in order of sales were:
★ British Petroleum Company, sales \$4,220,370,000, net profits \$177,022,000.
★ Imperial Tobacco Co. of Britain, estimated sales \$1,850,000,000, net profits \$97,000,000.

★ British-American Tobacco Company, sales \$1,050,000,000, net profits \$83,018,000.
★ Imperial Chemical Industries of Britain, sales \$1,206,120,000, net profits \$103,208,000.

★ Nestle, a Swiss company manufacturing food products, estimated sales \$1,150,000, net profit (non-consolidated for 1958, last year available) \$13,042,000.
★ Philips Goolampsen-fabrieken, Dutch manufacturers of electrical equipment, sales \$650,000,000, net profits \$49,175,000.

★ Krupp, iron-steel and machinery manufacturers of West Germany, sales \$810,000,000, net profits not available.
★ Siemens of Germany, electrical equipment, estimated sales \$600,000,000, net profits (non-consolidated) \$12,350,000.—U.P.I.

Cotton Goods Prices Maintained

New York, Aug. 3.

BUYING activity in cotton grey goods subsided this week but prices were maintained at the levels reached during the movement of the previous two weeks when well over 100 million yards of print cloths were sold.

Some second-hand offerings were sold at prices 1/2-cent a yard under mill quotations. Buyers were cautious about adding to their already heavy

commitments, partly because of the wild gyrations in cotton futures markets caused by the possibility of legislation affecting raw cotton production and pricing.

Reflecting the strength in grey goods, finished goods were more active and prices were higher. Denims were marked up 1/4-cent a yard. Wide industrial drills were 1/4-cent lower and some constructions were up 1/4-cent a yard. Buyers found it difficult to locate goods for speedy delivery.

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THEY WANT TO 'WRECK' STAG HUNT

Minehead, Aug. 3. Hundreds of people have volunteered to help "wreck" next Wednesday's meeting of the Devon and Somerset stag hunt by laying false "trails" to draw off hounds from the quarry.

A special chemical has been prepared for the North Devon and Somerset branch of the League Against Cruel Sports whose members and helpers intend to try the "trails" around Clutnam Farm, near here, before the hunt meets.

Mrs Cecily Norman, chairman of the North Devon Branch, said today she was sure their plan against the hunt would succeed.

"In addition to hundreds of offers of help we have received calls from Exmoor trying to find out where we were going and what we were to do, but we were not going to be caught that way," she said.

The new master of the hunt, Lieutenant-Colonel L. M. Murphy, has said he is doubtful of the effect of the chemical, China Mail Special.

PEKING TO ATTEND SWISS FAIR

Peking, Aug. 3. China for the first time will take part in Switzerland's traditional Lausanne National Fair which opens on September 13, the New China News Agency reported.

Large shipments of Chinese silks, handicrafts, automatic machines, tools, precision machines, green tea and canned food are already on the way to Lausanne.

The Chinese pavilion at the fair will have on display some 3,000 different exhibits. There will be sales counters. In addition, a Chinese restaurant will be opened to serve visitors and tourists.

Chefs were chosen from among leading experts of China's two main schools of culinary art—Peking and Canton.

A Chinese art exhibition will be opened in Lausanne to coincide with China's first participation in the Swiss fair, France-Press.

The Times On The Russo-Chinese Talks: 'LIKE AN IRISHMAN FIGHTING FOR PEACE AT ANY TIME'

London, Aug. 3.

"Their manner in defending peace is often like that of the Irishman who had such a love for peace that he was prepared to fight for it at any time," writes the Times in a leader on the "communique" following the recent Russian-Chinese talks in Peking.

Former Singapore Japanese Police Head Embarrassed

Singapore, Aug. 3.

Mr S. Ogata, Japanese Police Commissioner in Singapore during the wartime occupation, walked away from reporters today when asked about the activities of the Kempeitai (Japanese Secret Police) in the colony during that period.

Mr Ogata, now Director of the Bureau of Higher Education and Science in Tokyo, is staying in Singapore for three days while on his way home to Japan. He is attending an International Public Education conference in Geneva.

He told reporters: "I had nothing to do with the Kempeitai. I only dealt with civil crimes. My conscience is clear."

Good Friend

Asked how many Singapore people had been sent to work on the Thailand-Burma railway, Mr Ogata turned to his host, Mr G. H. Hlat, who said: "Please, Mr Ogata is a good friend of mine. If he were bad, I would not be here to meet him."

A reporter asked Mr Ogata what had happened to a Singapore Chinese newspaper editor who was seized by the Kempeitai.

Mr Ogata walked away. Later, in an interview in his hotel room, Mr Ogata, 52, said:

"Please believe me when I tell you I did my best for the people of Singapore under the harsh conditions of wartime. I believe I had the complete cooperation of the people, because they knew I was looking after their welfare."

Mr Ogata, who was also in charge of the distribution of food during the occupation, said: "Of course there were some complaints about the shortage of rice, but that was inevitable because of the limited supply."

Peaceful

Asked about the crime rate during his term of office in the colony, Mr Ogata said: "Everything was very peaceful. The people could even sleep with their doors and windows open."

Mr Ogata said during his short stay in Singapore he would call on old friends.

"I have many friends here, but I don't think I have any enemies," he said.—Reuter.

In the talks themselves, the Times says "China's hand," "The meeting," it writes, "was presumably called for Chinese reasons."

Both the economic and the military assistance which Russia provides for China have long needed the fresh impetus and definition which only a meeting of the two leaders could give.

Plainly Against

Concerning the proposed summit conference on the Middle East, "throughout the exchanges the Chinese have remained uneasy in the background. They were plainly against a Security Council meeting. In their view, it would be both ludicrous and insulting for Mr Khrushchev to sit round a table with the veto-wielding representative of Formosa."

No wonder Peking was silent until driven by Khrushchev's precipitate acceptance of the ideas to express some brotherly approval.

But the Chinese were obviously happier when Mr Khrushchev returned to the substance of his original proposal last Tuesday and envisaged Western proposals.

Now they are ready to demand an "immediate" summit meeting and the withdrawal of American and British troops.

His Gains

Mr Khrushchev of course, brings back gains for himself. Where before he was playing a lone hand in the negotiations for a summit meeting, he will now have the added confidence of a united policy.

It is no secret that the Chinese have had the matter of defence under discussion. After the second session of their Eighth Party Congress in May, there was held a meeting of the military committee of the Party Central Committee, which went on for six weeks and ended only at the Middle East crisis.

"At this meeting China's defence problems were exhaustively discussed and her need for modern—including nuclear—weapons has no doubt been forcibly put in the talks."

"The same Chinese meeting also discussed the world situation in relation to defence, and here it is necessary to repeat just how China now seems to see the world."

Solidarity

"It is not only over Yugoslav revisionism that China has lately taken a distinctive uncompromising attitude, insisting on the solidarity of the Communist block."

China's outlook on the world as a whole seems to have been given a new definition. Although coexistence is still preached, the assumption of Communist power and Communist success has been banished tolerance.

"He may try to devise some label on the package so that the Security Council is linked with any meeting that is held," the Times continued, "but he knows he can come to the meeting not merely as head of a government but as head of a government that represents 200,000,000 people but as the head of a bloc that numbers one thousand million. The toughness in the communique suits him as he prepares for the summit, he has the added confidence of being able to take a three line whip to a meeting where he will have full China's backing." — France-Press.

More Landings In Beirut

Beirut, Aug. 3.

A total of 2,200 United States troops landed from ships at Beirut today, including a medium tank battalion from Germany equipped with 72 Patton tanks.

Other ships are waiting to pull into the docks, among them one with 400 vehicles aboard.

A United States Air Force spokesman said tonight that a total of 3,300 men and 3,074 tons of supplies had so far been airlifted into the Lebanon.—Reuter.

William Hickey The Queen Chooses A "Danny Kaye"

London.

THE QUEEN will attend a Royal Film Performance after all this year—despite her refusal to carry on the 12-year tradition by which the Cinematograph Trades Benevolent Fund organised the show and reaped a £20,000 harvest.

She broke this tradition with the announcement in April that she felt she should vary her routine with certain annual visits and should spread her patronage more widely over charity performances.

Be that as it may it was felt that perhaps their choice of film to show the Queen had not been particularly happy.

Now, I understand, the Queen is going to see a film she wants to see. She has agreed to the request of the British Empire Cancer campaign to attend the charity premiere of the new Danny Kaye film "Me and the Colonel" and—this will make the film industry think—it will be held on October 27, the night that they had planned for their own, rejected, Royal Show.

Her Own Choice

The crux of the matter is that the Queen has virtually made her own choice of film. Under the old system "Me and the Colonel" would have been one of about six films put up for selection to a Wardour Street committee—and it is very likely that it would have been rejected as being too controversial.

The film, which was directed by an Englishman Peter Glenville, and also stars Curt Jurgens, tells the story of a little Jewish tailor who escapes from Poland in 1939. He meets an anti-Semitic Polish colonel who is also escaping from the Germans. Together they escape to France. There is room for one of them in a ship leaving for England at the fall of France.

Full Treatment

Which one of them gets the seat? You will have to see the film to find out. It has tragedy. It has comedy. And it has human drama.

It should be quite a night. The full Royal Premiere treatment is being planned. Danny Kaye and Curt Jurgens have been asked to fly over for the occasion. The red carpet will be out and the usual galaxy of stars will make their bows and curtsies.

In fact it will be just like an old style Royal Film Performance—except that the film has not been chosen by Wardour Street.

REX HARRISON, suffering from laryngitis, has dropped out of "My Fair Lady," and his understudy, Rex Odeker, has taken over.

I must say this news does not entirely surprise me. When I spoke to Rex last week he sounded tired and edgy—the result of the long run of his show.

Last night's audience gave a tremendous reception to the understudy who was plucked from a minor part that does not even merit a mention on the play bills.

The Australian Odeker well deserved the applause for his performance.

But it was mainly an impersonation of Harrison playing Professor Higgins. Syllable by syllable, gesture by gesture, look by look, he matched the star.

I DON'T know what the Navy will say about this, but Mrs Devika Trivedi, wife of an Indian High Commission official, launched a frigate for the Indian Navy at Birkenhead the other day by breaking a coconut over the ship's bows.

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NEWS that the British Embassy in Moscow was broken into by a Russian crowd the other day reminded me that Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart had once been arrested inside the British Embassy in Moscow.

Sir Robert, as acting Consul-General, was head of the British Mission to Moscow. He told me over the telephone from Scotland what happened.

"British troops landed at Archangel in 1918 and the Bolsheviks took reprisals by arresting—the British—and French Missions."

"The embassy at that time was in a flat in Moscow which had just been made the capital after the revolution. Soldiers arrived at dawn and tore everything down. Then they took me off."

"For a week I was left like a dog in the Lubyanka prison. Then I was transferred to the Kremlin, where I stayed, as a prisoner, for a month."

"I suppose I am the only British subject to have been a prisoner in the Kremlin. But it wasn't too bad, for I had decent quarters. Although I had four sentries watching me all the time."

"It was bad in Petrograd though, where I had just left. For the Naval Attaché, Captain Francis Cronin, was killed inside the old embassy."

"The revolutionaries broke into the embassy. Cronin shot two of them before they shot him. That was 40 years ago."

Sir Robert, 70, now leads the quiet life, writing and fishing and remembering.

THE talented trio of Ronald Searle, Christopher Fry, and Alice Guinand are going to start work next month on one of all things—a full-length cartoon film.

Searle will do the drawings, Fry will write the words, and Guinand will speak the main character's part and narration.

Searle is going to Hollywood for the actual screening and will work with some of the men who produced the brilliant "Mr Magoo" cartoons.

"The film, which is a musical, will have a Victorian theme," he told me.

We met at the opening of an exhibition of Punch cartoons to help the British Theatre Museum Association. I asked him about his cartoon characters. He winced.

"As a rule, I hate them. I think they are horrible. They frighten the life out of me with their long noses and grotesque appearance."

I had never realised before just how much time Searle spends drawing in the theatre. "I sit in the stalls," he said, "and draw small portraits, praying I'm drawing the right one."

"And when I go to the theatre I need a small barrow to carry all equipment. I take a small torch and then a spare torch in case I lose the other. And then I've got several spare batteries. Eight pencils, and a notebook, and binoculars and, of course, spare glasses."

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INSURANCE man Jack Watkins and his wife sailed from America to collect the £50,000 first prize for the Irish Sweepstake. They plan to give Hard Ridden, who won for them, a bale of hay.

ANGEL IN THE HOUSE NYE BEVAN was in high good humour at lunch the other day. He was the guest of the Parliamentary Press Gallery at the House of Commons, and obviously felt that he was among friendly enemies.

"The Press," he said, "has been a source of support to me now for more than 35 years. I would have been ruined long ago if it had not been for their sustained malignancy."

"The best thing that can happen to a public man is to be depicted as a villain, so that when he does make a public appearance he is so different to what they expected him to be that the public say 'Why, he is an angel.'"

"I am very grateful for the many years of misrepresentation."

I understand that the members of the Press Gallery intend to run no risks of losing Mr Bevan's gratitude by depicting him as an angel.

GENERAL SIR RICHARD GALE believes that a portrait should be painted like a military operation. It must be planned.

At least, that's what "Windy" Gale, who is shortly to succeed Lord Montgomery as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, told artist Philip Kaufman, adding: "And this time you are the General. Tell me what to do."

Mr Kaufman was chatting with me the other day about this portrait, the first Sir Richard has had painted. "The picture shows him sitting in front of a map of Europe, smoking a cigar. He was very patient and came for 10 sittings."

"Each time I had to give him a cigar. It got a little expensive because Sir Richard's taste in cigars is excellent. But then I believe in keeping my sitters happy."

ENTER THE WHYDIDIT IT was the day we discussed the effect on the "Whodunit" writers of the campaign to wipe out the death penalty.

I asked Ernest Dudley, the Armchair Detective, about it, and he told me that the changes in the death penalty laws have profoundly affected his writing.

He is going to send his fictional detective, Dr Morelle, into semi-retirement and concentrate more on books which show why a murderer is killed and not who the murderer was.

"I shall finish writing my last Dr Morelle book and then I shall get on to writing psychological books. That's what the public wants."

"The trend today is towards the real-life crime story. The reader wants a psychiatrist rather than a detective."

"I'm not sad. One's interests change. Now I'm more interested to have a real-life background to my stories."

From the Files

25 years AGO

OVER 30,000 signatures have been obtained for the petition to be presented to the Governor in Council by the Chinese Clubs in connection with the Government's proposal to take over the North Point Bathing place.

Owing to the week-end holiday the closing date for the petition has been extended to Tuesday August 15, when the Committee have every hope of reaching the 100,000 mark.

The canvassing is being carried out in all business houses in the Colony and practically all of the athletic clubs in Hong-kong and Kowloon.

A representative of the China Mail was told by a Committee member of South China that many Europeans have signed the petition.

Following the recent public meeting of Kowloon residents in connection with the coal dump, representatives of the residents concerned interviewed the Colonial Secretary yesterday.

The deputation was received in the afternoon. Mr J. A. Tarrant put their views forward and asked if the Government would take steps to remove the coal dump.

He urged that the amenities of the district were being seriously impaired by its presence and that the dump would be affected by its continuance.

In reply, the Colonial Secretary stated that the development of the land abutting the coal dump was being more carefully considered with a view to Port development, and that the views of the deputation would be put before H.E. the Governor as soon as possible.

The deputation, consisting of Messrs E. A. Sykes, R. J. Shrigley and J. A. Tarrant, duly waited on the Hon. Mr D. W. Trefman, Acting Colonial Secretary, by appointment. Mr C. E. Terry was absent from the deputation owing to urgent business.

LAST week's burning fatality at Cheung Chau in which Miss Margaret Gehling lost her life, and the drowning of Jean Snyder in the bathing pool on Lantau, inspired two resolutions to be passed at the annual meeting of the Cheung Chau Residents' Association on Monday.

It was resolved, first, "that a first aid kit be placed in front of the Association Assembly Hall, and secondly, 'that life guards and life bells be provided for the protection of bathers.'"

It is confidently expected that the Colony's swimming championship time for the 220 yards will be bettered by a fair margin at the forthcoming Colony aquatic Championships which are to be held at the Victoria Recreation Club pool next month.

Leonel Roza-Pereira clipped two fifths of a second off his last year's championship time at the V.F.C. Gold on Saturday, swimming in a handicap event.

IT is reliably learned that the invitation issued by the Canton YMCA to the HKEYMCA to participate in a water-polo match on August 19, was a mistake, and that the invitation was originally intended for a swimming contest.

Last year the EYMCA were entertained by the Shamoon European Swimming Club and were beaten by 31 points to 28 in the first of the contests between the two Clubs.

In a return contest in the 'xy' Bath the local team beat the Shamoon Club by one point—the water-polo game proving the deciding issue.

This year the Shamoon Club are unable to raise enough experienced swimmers to make up a team of water-polo players.

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HORMONE TAKING MOTHERS HAVE "Babies Of Doubtful Sex"

London, Aug. 3. One of Britain's leading child-health experts charged here today that "babies of doubtful sex" have been born to mothers who received hormone treatment during pregnancy.

Prof. Alan Moncrieff, professor of child health at London University, reported on three particular cases in an article in the medical magazine

Lancet. They had been admitted to hospital in the past year.

All three babies, he said, were found to be girls, but one had been registered as a boy and another, admitted at nine-days-old, was considered at birth to be of "doubtful sex."

In all three cases, he said, the mother had received hormonal treatment during pregnancy

because of possible miscarriage risks.

"It may be that these children might not have been born at all but for the treatment," Moncrieff said, "but the psychological and other problems appeared to support the plea for not starting the treatment too early and keeping the dosage as low as possible."

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